



## President Trump's shutdown solution hangs in limbo

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump's proposal to break through the budget deadlock appeared to be gaining little traction Monday, as another missed paycheck loomed for hundreds of thousands of workers and the partial federal shutdown stretched into its fifth week. Despite the fanfare of the president's announcement, voting in Congress was not expected to unfold until later in the week. Even then it seemed doubtful that legislation based on Trump's plan had any chance of swiftly passing the Senate. Republicans hold a 53-47 majority but would need Democrats to reach the usual 60-vote threshold for bills to advance.

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President Donald Trump, center, Vice President Mike Pence, left, escorted by Acting Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, right, visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, in Washington. Associated Press



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# Bolton's test: Massaging Trump tweets into foreign policy

By **ZEKE MILLER**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In President Donald Trump's Washington, matters of war and peace are decided in 280-character bursts. It's up to John Bolton to massage them into a foreign policy. The mustachioed national security adviser developed a reputation as a bureaucratic bulldozer through more than three decades in and out of government. But the wrangling over Trump's decision to pull troops out of Syria demanded a new skill — the ability to dramatically re-draft the president's policy without provoking a hint of protest from the commander in chief.

When Trump announced on Dec. 19 that he saw no need for U.S. troops to remain in Syria, senior U.S. officials expected the Trump-ordered withdrawal to be completed within a month. Aides, lawmakers and overseas allies were beside themselves with concern that the U.S. was betraying its Kurdish allies in the fight against the Islamic State



In this May 22, 2018, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump, left, meets with South Korean President Moon Jae-In in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, as national security adviser John Bolton, right, watches.

and ceding influence in the region to Iran and Russia. Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis quit in protest. But one month after Trump declared that U.S. forces were "coming back now" and White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the adminis-

tration had "started returning United States troops home," the drawdown of U.S. troops has only just begun. The explanation, senior White House officials said, is the behind-the-scenes effort by Bolton.

Bolton was always an unlikely pick to be Trump's third national security adviser, with a world view seemingly ill-fit to the president's isolationist "America First" pronouncements. He's espoused hawkish foreign policy views dating back to the Reagan administration and became a household name over his vociferous support for the Iraq War as the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. under George W. Bush. Bolton even briefly considered running for president in 2016, in part to make the case against the isolationism that Trump would come to embody.

Yet he earned Trump's ear in part through his frequent appearances on Fox News, the president's favored network. And despite the president's aversion to his bushy mustache, the two have formed a close relationship since Bolton took over at the National Security Council in April.

"Frankly, what I have said in private now is behind me," Bolton told Fox News last year just after joining the

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White House. "The important thing is what the president says and the advice I give him." Longtime associates credit Bolton with a keen ability to manage-up to the president — a key differentiator between Bolton and his predecessor, H.R. McMaster, an Army general whose professorial tones grated on Trump.

That doesn't mean that Bolton was on board with Trump's impulsive policy announcement on Syria, officials said. Rather than go public with the same concerns aired by Mattis and others, though, Bolton quietly set out on a month-long revision of Trump's order, leading to critical adjustments that the administration, at least publicly, is loathe to acknowledge.

"A lot of the press coverage about the decision on Syria missed what the president had in mind," Bolton insisted in Jerusalem this month, overlooking the fact that many of Trump's own aides were also in the dark. His role, Bolton said, "is to help elaborate what the president's conditions are and what he expects." He and Trump have harshly pushed back on any notion of a policy reversal. White House aides cast Bolton's role as merely "elucidating" or "clarifying" the

president's initial order.

"No different from my original statements," Trump tweeted on Jan. 7.

In reality, there were key changes. One month in, materiel has been removed from northeastern Syria, but troops remain. In the war-torn country's south, 200 U.S. service members serving in al-Tanf are now remaining in place indefinitely as a check against Iran — a step sought by Israel. And in a trip to the Middle East this month, Bolton announced new "conditions" on the withdrawal, including demanding assurances from Turkey it won't attack Kurdish fighters in Syria.

The pace of the planned withdrawal was dramatically slowed, first, after Trump's three-hour December visit to Iraq to meet with U.S. commanders in which they argued that they, not allies, were best positioned to destroy the last vestiges of the Islamic State's territorial caliphate in Syria. Then came concerns about the fate of the Kurds, who face assault from Turkey, which considers them a terrorist group, and Iranian regional influence.

According to seven administration officials, Bolton's influence was central to the "reinterpretation" of Trump's initial order and convincing the stubborn commander in chief to go along with it. White House aides maintained that the two have a strong relationship in part because Bolton has tried not to draw attention to the changes. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe Bolton's role and the administration's policy thinking.

It was a sign of Bolton's outsized role in foreign policy that when he traveled to Israel and Turkey earlier this month to clarify the policy, he brought along a contingent of press aboard a modified Boeing 757 of the type typically used by the vice president and secretary of state. It was the first trip by a national security adviser to include reporters in recent memory. □

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Not a single Democrat publicly expressed support for the deal in the 48 hours since Trump announced it. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer's office reiterated Monday that they are unwilling to negotiate any border security funding until Trump re-opens the government.

"Nothing has changed with the latest Republican offer," said Schumer spokesman Justin Goodman. "President Trump and Senate Republicans are still saying: 'Support my plan or the government stays shut.' That isn't a compromise or a negotiation — it's simply more hostage taking."

While the House and Senate are scheduled to be back in session Tuesday, no votes have been scheduled so far on Trump's plan. And senators, who will be given 24-hour notice ahead of voting, have yet to be recalled to Washington.

McConnell spokesman David Popp said Monday that the GOP leader "will move"

to voting on consideration of the president's proposal "this week."

Trump, who on Sunday lashed out at House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, accusing her of acting "irrationally," continued to single her out on Twitter. House Democrats this week are pushing ahead with voting on their own legislation to re-open the government and add \$1 billion for border security — including 75 more immigration judges and infrastructure improvements — but no funding for the wall. Trump later tweeted: "Democrats are kidding themselves (they don't really believe it!) if they say you can stop Crime, Drugs, Human Trafficking and Caravans without a Wall or Steel Barrier. Stop playing games and give America the Security it deserves. A Humanitarian Crisis!"

Meanwhile, the impact of the shutdown — the longest ever — continued to ripple across the nation as it stretched into its 31st day. The Transportation Security Administration said the percentage of its airport

screeners missing work hit 10 percent on Sunday — up from 3.1 percent on the comparable Sunday a year ago. The screeners, who have been working without pay, have been citing financial hardship as the reason they can't report to work. Even so, the agency said that it screened 1.78 million passengers Sunday with only 6.9 percent having to wait 15 minutes or longer to get through security. The shutdown had also threatened to disrupt plans for an annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day service at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, where the civil rights leader was co-pastor with his father from 1960 until his assassination in 1968. The site is run by the National Park Service and had been closed. But a grant from Delta Air Lines is keeping the church and associated sites, including the home where King was born, open through Feb. 3. Trump on Saturday offered to extend temporary protections for young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children and those fleeing disaster zones for three years in exchange



President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, in Washington.

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for \$5.7 billion for his border wall. Democrats said the proposal for a three-year extension didn't go nearly far enough, and that Trump was using as leverage programs that he had targeted. Meanwhile, some on the right, including conservative commentator Ann Coulter, accused Trump of offering "amnesty."

"No, Amnesty is not a part of my offer," Trump tweeted Sunday, in response. He noted that he'd offered temporary protections for the immigrants in question, but added: "Amnesty will be used only on a much bigger deal, whether on

immigration or something else."

That statement led some to suggest that Trump might be open to including a potential pathway to citizenship for the young "Dreamer" immigrants in a future proposal to end the standoff.

Asked in an interview on "Fox News Sunday" whether Trump's Saturday proposal represented a "final offer," Vice President Mike Pence said the White House was willing to negotiate.

"Well, of course," Pence said. "The legislative process is a negotiation." □

## 2-for-1: Total lunar eclipse comes with supermoon bonus

By MARCIA DUNN

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — The only total lunar eclipse this year and next came with a supermoon bonus.

On Sunday night, the moon, Earth and sun lined up to create the eclipse, which was visible throughout North and South America, where skies were clear. There won't be another until the year 2021.

It was also the year's first supermoon, when a full moon appears a little bigger and



People watch the supermoon rise behind the downtown Los Angeles skyline, from Kenneth Hahn Park in Los Angeles, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

Associated Press

brighter thanks to its slightly closer position.

The entire eclipse took more than three hours. Totality — when the moon's completely bathed in Earth's shadow — lasted an hour. During a total lunar eclipse, the eclipsed, or blood, moon turns red from sunlight scattering off Earth's atmosphere.

In addition to the Americas, the entire lunar extravaganza could be observed, weather permitting, all the way across the Atlantic to parts of Europe. □





## Kamala Harris opens presidential bid

By **JUANA SUMMERS**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Kamala Harris, a first-term senator and former California attorney general known for her rigorous questioning of President Donald Trump's nominees, entered the Democratic presidential race on Monday. Harris would be the first woman to hold the presidency and the second African-American.

Harris, 54, who grew up in Oakland, California, is one of the earliest high-profile Democrats to join what is expected to be a crowded field. She made her long anticipated announcement on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I am running for president of the United States," she said. "And I'm very excited about it."

She portrayed herself as a fighter for justice, decency and equality in a video distributed by her campaign as she announced her bid. "They're the values we as Americans cherish, and they're all on the line now," Harris says in the video. "The future of our country depends on you and millions of others lifting our voices to fight for our American values."

On ABC, she cited her years as a prosecutor in asserting: "My entire career has been focused on keeping people safe. It is probably one of the things that motivates me more than anything else."

Harris launched her presidential bid as the nation observes what would have been the 90th birthday of the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. The timing was a clear signal that the California senator—who has joked that she had a "stroller's-eye

view" of the civil rights movement because her parents wheeled her and her sister Maya to protests

one question about her heritage on Monday. When a reporter, who noted she is both African-American

port from black voters. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who unsuccessfully sought the 2016 Democrat-



**Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., speaks to members of the media at her alma mater, Howard University, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 in Washington, following her announcement earlier in the morning that she will run for president.**

**Associated Press**

— sees herself as another leader in that fight.

The opening hours of Harris' campaign included a number of cultural touchstones aside from her decision to announce her bid on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Staffers said her timing, and the design and color of her campaign logo, were a nod to Shirley Chisholm, the New York congresswoman who sought the Democratic Party's presidential nomination 47 years ago this week. Upon returning to Washington, Harris spoke to reporters at Howard University, the historically black college that she attended as an undergraduate and on Monday described as "one of the most important aspects of my life."

Harris, the daughter of a Jamaican father and an Indian mother, faced at least

and Indian-American, asked how she would describe herself, Harris replied: "How do I describe myself? I describe myself as a proud American. That's how I describe myself."

Harris joins what is expected to be a wide-open race for the Democratic presidential nomination. There's no apparent front-runner at this early stage, and Harris will face off against several Senate colleagues. Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York have both formed exploratory committees. Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey, Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota are also looking at the race.

If Booker enters the race, he and Harris could face fierce competition for sup-

port from black voters. Harris launches her campaign fresh off of a tour to promote her latest memoir, "The Truths We Hold," which was widely seen as a stage-setter for a presidential bid.

She is already planning her first trip to an early primary state as a declared candidate. On Friday, Harris will travel to South Carolina to attend the Pink Ice Gala in Columbia, which is hosted by a South Carolina chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which Harris pledged as an undergraduate student at How-

ard University. The sorority, founded more than 100 years ago, is a stronghold in the African-American community.

South Carolina, where black voters make up a large share of the Democratic electorate, is likely to figure heavily into Harris's prospects. And early voting in Harris's home state of California will now overlap with the traditional early nominating contests, which could give Harris a boost. She also has planned a trip to Iowa, where she campaigned on behalf of Democrats during the 2018 mid-term elections.

Asked Monday about her path to the nomination, Harris said it would go "through all of the states that are the 50 states of the United States."

"It is going to be about speaking truth, especially when there has been so much that is contrary to truth," she said.

Harris's campaign team is already taking shape and includes several veterans of Democratic politics.

Juan Rodriguez, who ran her 2016 Senate campaign, will manage her presidential bid. Her sister, Maya Harris, a former top adviser to Hillary Clinton, will be the campaign chair. The veteran campaign finance lawyer Marc Elias will serve as the campaign's general counsel, and Angelique Cannon, who worked for Clinton's 2016 campaign, will serve as national finance director. David Huynh, who was Clinton's director of delegate operations in 2016, will serve as a senior adviser. Lily Adams, a Clinton campaign alum who has worked as Harris's spokeswoman, will be communications director. □



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## Frigid air, high winds sweep the Northeast; at least 6 dead

By HOLLY RAMER

Associated Press

**CONCORD, N.H. (AP)** — Falling temperatures replaced the weekend's falling snow Monday as bitter cold and gusty winds swept across the eastern United States.

The National Weather Service had forecast that temperatures would be more than 20 degrees below normal across the Northeast, with wind gusts up to 30 mph and wind chills approaching minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 40 degrees Celsius) in northern New York and Vermont.

Atop the Northeast's highest mountain, the temperature fell to minus 23 degrees (minus 31 Celsius) Monday morning and dropped to minus 31 (minus 35 Celsius) later in the afternoon, according to the Facebook page for Mount Washington Observatory, in New Hampshire. Wind chills were hovering around minus 80 (minus 62 Celsius).

In New York, Coast Guard crews moved quickly to rescue a 21-year-old man left stranded on an island in the Navensink River after his small boat broke down. The Coast Guard said two members waded through 34-degree (1 Celsius) water to bring the man to safety. The air temperature was 7 degrees (minus-14 Celsius) degrees with 30 mph wind. The weather contributed to multiple deaths over the long Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

In suburban Chicago, the temperature was about 14 degrees (minus-10 Celsius) Sunday when a 12-year-old



A pedestrian walks in the cold in Carleton Place, Ontario on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

Associated Press

girl died after a snow fort collapsed on her. Police in Arlington Heights, Illinois, said Esther Jung had been playing with another girl outside Rothem Church. Their families began looking for them about an hour later and found them under the snow. The younger girl survived.

In Connecticut, a utility company subcontractor died Sunday after being struck by a falling tree while working on a power line in Middletown. Thousands

of homes and businesses in Connecticut remained without power Monday afternoon as temperatures dropped below zero in some locations.

"This is a reminder of the danger these men and women face on our behalf," Gov. Ned Lamont said in a tweet. "While many are still out there working today, please join me in acknowledging them and sending our thoughts to this person's family."

In Kansas, a snowplow driv-

er was killed when the plow drove onto the shoulder of a road and rolled over, throwing him under the vehicle. It wasn't clear why the driver had moved to the shoulder from the roadway. And in Wisconsin, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office said a 59-year-old man and a 91-year-old man collapsed and died Sunday in separate incidents after removing snow.

A man in charge of transportation at a southwest-

ern Michigan school district also died while shoveling snow. Portage district officials said Mike Westbrook died Saturday from a heart attack. FlightAware reported hundreds of delayed flights Monday. And after a few weather-related delays Sunday, Amtrak restored all scheduled service Monday. Another storm system is already developing over the Rockies that could blanket the same region with more snow by the end of the week. □



## 3 groups; many videos; many interpretations of D.C. encounter

By **JEFFREY COLLINS**  
**Associated Press**

A group of five black men shouting vulgar insults while protesting centuries of oppression. Dozens of white Catholic high school students visiting Washington for a rally to end abortion. And Native Americans marching to end injustice for indigenous peoples across the globe who have seen their lands overrun by outside settlers.

The three groups met for just a few minutes Friday at the base of the Lincoln Memorial, an encounter captured in videos that went viral over the weekend — and again cast a spotlight on a polarized nation that doesn't appear to agree on anything.

At first the focus was on a short video showing one of the high school students, Nick Sandmann, wearing a red "Make America Great Again" hat and appearing to smirk while a crowd of other teens laughed derisively behind him as a 64-year-old Native American, Nathan Phillips, played a traditional chant on a drum.

Pull back further and a different view emerged, however, in a separate video showing members of a group calling itself the Black Hebrew Israelites taunting everyone on the



**A man leaves a sign with the words "This was not okay," at Covington Catholic High School in Park Hills, Ky., Sunday, Jan 20, 2019.**

mall that day, calling the Native Americans who had gathered there for the Indigenous Peoples March "Uncle Tomahawks" and "\$5 Indians" and the high school students "crackers" and worse.

It was an ugly encounter of spewed epithets but one that nevertheless ended with no punches thrown or other violence.

Still, the videos were all over social media, again appearing to illustrate a nation of such deep divisions — racial, religious and ideological — that no one

was willing to listen to the others' point of view.

Add to that the political tensions spilling over from a government shutdown that has gone on for a month and the stage was set for a viral moment. But in this case it didn't tell the whole story, all the parties involved agree.

"I would caution everyone passing judgment based on a few seconds of video to watch the longer video clips that are on the internet, as they show a much different story than is being portrayed by people with

agendas," Sandmann, a junior, said in a statement released late Sunday.

Sandmann's statement does seem at odds with some video from the confrontation that showed students from his school, Covington Catholic High in Park Hills, Kentucky, laughing at Phillips' Native American group and mockingly singing along with him, as well as interviews with Phillips who said he heard the students shout "Build that wall!" and "Go back to the reservation!"

The fullest view of what

happened that Friday afternoon came from a nearly two-hour video posted on Facebook by Shar Yaqataz Banyamyan.

It showed members of his Black Hebrew Israelite group repeatedly interacting with the crowd as people from the Indigenous Peoples March and the high school students vigorously argued with them for a few minutes.

Sandmann said in his statement the students from his all-male high school were waiting for their buses near Banyamyan's group when the latter started to taunt them.

One of the students took off his shirt and the teens started to do a haka — a war dance of New Zealand's indigenous Maori culture, made famous by the country's national rugby team. Phillips, an elder of the Omaha tribe, and Marcus Frejo, a member of the Pawnee and Seminole tribes, said they felt the students were mocking the dance and walked over to intervene.

Phillips and Sandmann locked eyes, their faces inches apart.

Both men said their goal was simply to make sure things didn't get out of hand.

But caught on video, the encounter still went viral. □



**This file photo provided by Jason Gonzalez shows a selfie of Antonio Arce.**

**Associated Press**

## Arizona police to re-interview people in teenage boy's death

**TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)** — Police in a Phoenix suburb say they'll re-interview witnesses and victims in the fatal shooting of a teenage boy by an officer investigating a vehicle break-in.

The statement Monday comes after the truck owner told the Arizona Republic that the police description of what happened Jan. 15 isn't accurate.

Tempe Police Chief Sylvia Moir has said Antonio Arce, 14, was carrying a replica handgun he stole from the truck when he was shot running through an alley. She

said two independent witnesses reporting seeing him with a firearm in his hand.

But the truck's owner, Lou Silvas, said neither of the two replica guns in his truck had been disturbed when he checked after he heard two gunshots in the alley nearby. Silvas told the Arizona Republic the only thing missing from his truck was his large, black cellphone.

"If they're announcing on the airwaves that (the airsoft gun) was taken from my vehicle, that's not true," Silvas told the newspaper.

"Because I had my two still there, and that's all I'm saying."

Police spokesman Ronald Elcock said Monday that some statements in the newspaper are in direct conflict with body camera footage, evidence and statements given to detectives the day of the shooting. Police said the newspaper's article leaves open the question about how a replica handgun was found beneath Arce, as shown in body camera videos, which have no gaps in footage. □



## Notre Dame to cover murals of Columbus in the New World

**SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)**

— The University of Notre Dame will cover murals in a campus building that depict Christopher Columbus in America, the school's president said, following criticism that the images depict Native Americans in stereotypical submissive poses before white European explorers.

The 12 murals created in the 1880s by Luis Gregori were intended to encourage immigrants who had come to the U.S. during a period of anti-Catholic sentiment. But they conceal another side of Columbus: the exploitation and repression of Native Americans, said the Rev. John Jenkins, president of Notre Dame.

It is a "darker side of this story, a side we must acknowledge," Jenkins said in a letter Sunday.

The murals in the Catholic university's Main Building are painted directly on walls. Jenkins said they will be covered, although they still could be occasionally displayed. A permanent display of photos of the paintings will be created elsewhere with an explanation of their context.



In this Nov. 29, 2017, photo Kristin Fabian walks by a mural of Christopher Columbus at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Associated Press

"We wish to preserve artistic works originally intended to celebrate immigrant Catholics who were marginalized at the time in society, but do so in a way that avoids unintentionally marginalizing others," Jenkins said.

In 2017, more than 300 students, employees and Notre Dame alumni signed a letter in the campus

newspaper that called for the removal of the murals. The president of the Native American Student Association praised Jenkins' decision.

"This is a good step towards acknowledging the full humanity of those native people who have come before us," said Marcus Winchester-Jones of Dowagiac, Michigan. □

## Second skier dies in aftermath of New Mexico avalanche

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)**

— A second person died from injuries sustained in an avalanche last week at a northern New Mexico ski resort, relatives and a hospital official said Monday.

The deceased skier was identified by family as 22-year-old Corey Borg-Massanari of Vail, Colorado, who had moved to Colorado from Minnesota to attend college and worked for an outdoor equipment company and as a zipline tour guide in the summer. Borg-Massanari was one of two people pulled from the snow after the avalanche Thursday at Taos Ski Valley. He died Monday at the University of New Mexico Hospital



People search for victims after an avalanche buried multiple people near the highest peak of Taos Ski Valley, one of the biggest resorts in New Mexico, Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019.

Associated Press

in Albuquerque, where he had been transported after the avalanche and treated for unspecified injuries, according to spokeswoman Alex Sanchez. The other victim, identified as 26-year-old Matthew Zonghetti of Massachusetts, was

pronounced dead shortly after the avalanche. The avalanche struck a stretch of expert skiing terrain on the upper mountain known as the K3 chute. The resort planned an investigation to determine what triggered the avalanche. □

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## Man linked to 4 killings suspected of being in U.S. illegally

**RENO, Nevada (AP)** — Authorities investigating four recent Nevada killings say murder charges are pending against a man suspected of being in the U.S. illegally.

Wilbur Martinez-Guzman, 20, was arrested Saturday in Carson City and is being held on possession of stolen property, burglary and immigration charges.

Authorities say they expect to file murder charges against him in the coming days in the shooting deaths of an elderly Reno couple and two women who lived near the town of Gardnerville.

Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong said at a Sunday news conference that federal immigration authorities told his office Martinez-Guzman had lived in Carson City for about a year and was in the country illegally.

Furlong said Monday he didn't know where Martinez-Guzman is originally from, and a message left with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was not immediately returned. President Donald Trump mentioned the killings Monday in a tweet calling for his long-promised border wall.

Authorities say Connie Koontz, 56, was found dead Jan. 10 in her home in Gardnerville Ranchos, about 15 miles (24 kilome-



This undated photo provided by the Carson City Sheriff's Office in Carson City, Nev., shows suspect Wilbur Martinez-Guzman.

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ters) south of Carson City. Three days later, 74-year-old Sophia Renken was found dead in her home about a mile from where Koontz lived.

On Wednesday, the bodies of 81-year-old Gerald David, and his 80-year-old wife, Sharon, were found in their home on the southern edge of Reno, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Carson City.

Furlong said the investigation is ongoing and it's too soon to comment on a possible motive. He said Martinez-Guzman didn't yet have an attorney who could comment on his behalf. □



# UK leader unveils Brexit Plan B, looks a lot like Plan A

By JILL LAWLESS

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Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — British Prime Minister Theresa May unveiled her Brexit Plan B on Monday — and it looks a lot like Plan A.

May launched a mission to resuscitate her rejected European Union divorce deal, setting out plans to get it approved by Parliament after securing changes from the EU to a contentious Irish border measure. May's opponents expressed incredulity: British lawmakers last week dealt the deal a resounding defeat, and EU leaders insist they won't renegotiate it. Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn of the Labour Party accused May of being in "deep denial" about her doomed deal.

"This really does feel a bit like 'Groundhog Day,'" he said, referring to the 1993 film starring Bill Murray, in which a weatherman is fated to live out the same day over and over again.

Outlining what she plans to do after her EU divorce deal was rejected by Parliament last week, May said that she had heeded lawmakers' concerns over an insurance policy known as the "backstop" that is intended to guarantee there are no customs checks along the border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland after Brexit. May told the House of Commons that she would be "talking further this week to colleagues ... to consider how we might meet our obligations to the people of Northern Ireland and Ireland in a way that can command the greatest possible support in the House."

"And I will then take the conclusions of those discussions back to the EU."

The bloc insists that it won't renegotiate the withdrawal agreement.

"She is wasting time calling for a revision or clarification over the backstop," said German politician Udo Bullmann, head of the socialist group in the European Parliament.



**A lone demonstrator stands by an entrance to Britain's parliament in London, Friday, Jan. 18, 2019.**

While May stuck doggedly to her deal, she also acknowledged that control over Brexit wasn't entirely in her hands. She noted that lawmakers will be able to amend her plan when it comes to a vote in the House of Commons on Jan. 29, exactly two months before Britain is due to leave the EU.

Groups of "soft Brexit"-backing lawmakers — who want to keep close economic ties to the bloc — are planning to use amendments to try to rule out a "no-deal" Brexit and make May ease her insistence that leaving the EU means quitting its single market and customs union.

Britain and the EU sealed a divorce deal in November after months of tense negotiations. But the agreement has been rejected by both sides of Britain's divide over Europe. Brexit-backing lawmakers say it will leave the U.K. tethered to the bloc's rules and unable to forge an independent trade policy. Pro-Europeans argue it is inferior to the frictionless economic relationship Britain currently enjoys as an EU member.

After her deal was thrown out last week by a crushing

432-202 vote in Parliament, May said she would consult with lawmakers from all parties to find a new way forward.

But Corbyn called the cross-party meetings a "stunt," and other opposition leaders said the prime minister didn't seem to be listening.

On Monday, May rejected calls from pro-EU lawmakers to delay Britain's departure from the bloc or to hold a second referendum on whether to leave.

In a nod to opposition parties' concerns, she promised to consult lawmakers, trade unionists, business groups and civil society organizations "to try to find the broadest possible consensus" on future ties between Britain and the EU, and said the government wouldn't water down protections for the environment and workers' rights after Brexit.

May also said the government had decided to waive a 65 pound (\$84) fee for EU citizens in Britain who want to stay permanently after Brexit.

Guy Verhofstadt, the head of the EU Parliament Brexit steering group, welcomed news that the fee was be-

ing dropped for 3 million EU nationals, saying it had been a "key demand" for the EU legislature.

May's immediate goal is to win over pro-Brexit Conservatives and her party's Northern Irish ally, the Democratic Unionist Party. Both groups say they won't back the deal unless the border backstop is removed.

The backstop proposes to keep the U.K. in a customs union with the EU in order to avoid checks on the Irish border. It is meant as a temporary measure that would last until a permanent solution is found. But pro-Brexit U.K. lawmakers fear Britain could become trapped in it, indefinitely bound by EU trade rules.

Polish Foreign Minister Jacek Czaputowicz broke ranks with EU colleagues Monday by suggesting the problem could be solved by setting a five-year time limit on the backstop.

The idea got a cool reception. Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said that "putting a time-limit on an insurance mechanism, which is what the backstop is, effectively means that it's not a backstop at all." Britain's political impasse over Brexit is fueling con-

cerns that the country may crash out of the EU on March 29 with no agreement in place to cushion the shock. That could see tariffs imposed on goods moving between Britain and the EU, sparking logjams at ports and shortages of essential supplies.

Carolyn Fairbairn, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said Monday was "another bleak day for business."

"Parliament remains in deadlock while the slope to a cliff edge steepens," she said. Several groups of lawmakers are trying to use parliamentary rules and amendments to May's plan to block the possibility of Britain leaving the EU without a deal.

One of those legislators, Labour's Yvette Cooper, said May was shirking her responsibility to the country by refusing to take "no deal" off the table.

"I think she knows that she should rule out 'no deal' in the national interest because it would be so damaging," Cooper told the BBC. "She's refusing to do so, and I think she's hoping that Parliament will do this for her. That is not leadership." □

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## Macron ex-security aide: Diplomatic passports given back

By **ELAINE GANLEY**

**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — French President Emmanuel Macron's former security aide, at the heart of a damaging political scandal, told a Senate commission Monday that he turned in his two diplomatic passports after being fired last summer but they were returned to him two months later.

Alexandre Benalla said the passports were returned to him in October "by a salaried person at the Elysee." He didn't name the person, saying only that the still-active passports were handed to him in a street, and he used them 23 times — including on a December trip to Chad less than two weeks before Macron visited the west African country to visit French troops.

Benalla said he was on a visit with a private company as he tries to find new



**Former President Macron's security aide Alexandre Benalla appears before the French Senate Laws Commission prior to his hearing, in Paris, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

work after being formally fired in August as a security aide at the French presi-

dential palace for alleged violence against protesters at a May Day protest. He

was accompanying police as an observer. It was the second time Be-

nalla appeared before the commission, which is probing what authorities have described as state "dysfunction," surrounding the mysterious role of the one-time aide. Benalla was handed preliminary charges Friday for abusive use of the diplomatic documents. He was charged earlier on several counts linked to his violence — captured on video — at the May protest.

As reports emerged about his use of diplomatic passports after being fired, the Senate commission decided to call him back for further testimony. He had told the commission in September that his two diplomatic passports were still in his office at the Elysee.

"I reaffirm ... I did not lie to you Sept. 19," Benalla said. Perjury before the commission can bring up to five years in jail and a huge fine. □

## After violence, Greek parliament debates deal with Macedonia

By **DEREK GATOPOULOS**

**Associated Press**

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Greece's parliament on Monday started debating a historic agreement aimed at normalizing relations with Macedonia, a day after violent demonstrations against the deal erupted in Athens.

The agreement would see Macedonia change its name to North Macedonia, while in exchange Greece would lift its objections to its northern neighbor joining NATO and, potentially, the European Union.

The deal was being debated Monday in the Greek parliament's committee on defense and foreign policy, coming under strong criticism from opposition parties that say it concedes too much to Macedonia.

The house's plenary session will take up the debate on Wednesday, before a vote tentatively set for late Thursday.

Left-wing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' government is struggling to secure the majority needed to back the deal and may need the support of as many as



**Protestors wave Greek flags outside parliament in Athens, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

six opposition lawmakers. On Sunday, tens of thousands of people gathered outside Parliament to pro-

test the deal, and at least 25 police officers were injured during extensive clashes.

More protests are expected this week, including plans by farmers' associations to use tractors to block roads on the Greek-Bulgarian border on the final day of the parliamentary debate.

The deal is aimed at ending decades of hostility between the two Balkan countries. Greece wants its small landlocked neighbor to change or modify its name, arguing that it currently poses a potential threat to the territory and ancient heritage of Greece's own region of Macedonia. □



# Israel increasingly goes public with its strikes in Syria

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel on Monday claimed responsibility for a series of airstrikes on Iranian military targets in Syria, drifting further away from its longstanding policy of playing down or covering up its military activities in the war-torn country.

For years, Israel has remained largely silent about its attacks against Iran and its Shiite proxies operating in neighboring Syria. But in recent weeks, military and political leaders have become increasingly outspoken about these activities.

This policy appears to be aimed at sending a message to key players in Syria, including President Bashar Assad and Russia, that Iran's continued presence there risks triggering even tougher and potentially destabilizing Israeli action. "Whoever tries to harm us, we will harm them. Whoever threatens to destroy us will bear the full responsibility," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday. But it also risks heating up the atmosphere between the bitter enemies. Iran's air force chief, for instance, said his forces are "ready for a fight."

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest enemy, and as Syria's civil war winds down, it has repeatedly warned that it will not allow Iranian troops — who have been fighting alongside Assad's forces — to maintain a permanent presence in post-war Syria.

While Israel has largely



This photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, shows missiles flying into the sky near international airport, in Damascus, Syria, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

Associated Press

stayed out of the fighting in Syria, it has carried out scores of airstrikes on suspected Iranian arms shipments to the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, which is also fighting alongside Assad's troops. With few exceptions, Israel has maintained a policy of ambiguity, neither confirming nor denying the airstrikes.

That changed earlier this month when Israel's outgoing military chief, Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot, told the New York Times that Israel had struck "thousands of targets without claiming responsibility or asking for credit" as part of his showdown with Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the commander of Iran's elite Quds Force. Days later, Netanyahu acknowledged striking "hundreds" of Iranian and Hezbollah targets.

In the latest violence, the Israeli military announced Monday that it had struck a series of Iranian targets, including munition storage facilities, an intelligence site and a military training camp, in response to an Iranian missile attack a day earlier.

Israel said the missile, fired by Iranian forces in Syria, was intercepted over a ski resort on the Golan Heights and that there were no injuries. The Iranian launch followed a rare Israeli daylight air raid near the Damascus International Airport.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Monday's pre-dawn strikes lasted for nearly an hour and were the most intense Israeli attacks since May. It said 11 were killed. The Russian mili-

tary said four Syrian troops were among those killed. There were no further details on the casualties or their nationalities.

Speaking to reporters, Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, an Israeli military spokesman, said the Israeli use of ambiguity hadn't changed. He said that the Iranian missile strike, aimed at Israeli civilian areas, was a special case that required a public and powerful response, and that Israel had reacted similarly to previous Iranian provocations in February and May.

He also said that Israel had sent warnings to Syria ahead of the attack to refrain from attacking Israeli warplanes, but that Syria ignored those warnings and fired anti-aircraft missiles. He said Israel responded

by destroying Syrian anti-aircraft batteries.

Others, however, said the shift in Israeli policy is clear. Moshe Yaalon, a former military chief and defense minister, said the military had no choice but to comment after Netanyahu took credit publicly for the strikes. He accused Netanyahu, who is running for reelection while facing the threat of indictment in a series of corruption scandals, of playing politics with the country's security.

"Unfortunately ... everything is connected to his political survival," Yaalon told Israel's Army Radio. "What does the publication give us? Can someone tell me what the benefit is, besides politics?" But military analyst Yoel Guzansky said Israel has bigger concerns.

He said Israel hopes to "stir a debate" in Iran and perhaps turn public opinion against the leadership's "adventures" in Syria at a time of economic hardship. He said Israel also wants its foes to know that the promised withdrawal from Syria by American forces will have no effect on its policies.

"The Iranians are persistent. We have to be persistent too," said Guzansky, a senior fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies, a Tel Aviv think tank.

Israel also may be sending a message to Russia, which has supported Assad and is poised to take a prominent role in postwar Syria, that its tolerance of Iran could threaten those interests. □



In this Dec. 6, 2017 file photo, a woman does early morning chores near the Great Pyramid, in Nazlet el-Samman, Giza, Egypt.

Associated Press

## Egypt arrests 24 in demolition protests near pyramids

By HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egyptian security officials say police have arrested 24 people who tried to prevent authorities from demolishing illegal buildings near the Giza pyramids.

They say police used tear gas to disperse residents and shopkeepers in the

Nazlet el-Samman village on Monday after they scuffled with police escorting the demolition workers.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media. Monday's violence follows a recent announcement that a private Egyptian company will take charge

of running the historical site that includes the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, which are visited by millions every year.

Many of the village's residents make a living off visitors, hawking souvenirs and offering horse rides. Tourists have long complained of being harassed or overcharged. □





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## Zimbabwe's crackdown continues with arrest of labor leader

By FARAI MUTSAKA

Associated Press

**HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)** —

Zimbabwe's government intensified its crackdown on dissent Monday by charging the leader of the country's largest labor organization with subversion, as the courts ruled that the shutdown of the internet was illegal.

Zimbabwe police arrested Japhet Moyo, secretary general of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, and charged him with subversion for his role in organizing last week's national strike. The arrest comes after a week of turmoil. During the strike, some people went onto the streets to protest the government's drastic increase in fuel prices. The government said the demonstrations degenerated into riots, prompting it to launch a sweeping clampdown in which



In this Monday, Jan. 14, 2019 file photo, protestors gather on the streets during demonstrations over the hike in fuel prices in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Associated Press

12 people were killed, according to human rights organizations. Security forces opened fire on crowds, wounding many bystand-

ers, and went house to house in some neighborhoods, beating up many men, according to witnesses. More than 600 people

were arrested.

The government also imposed an internet blackout across the country. On Monday Zimbabwe's High

Court ordered the government to restore full internet to the country. The shutdown of the internet was illegal because the Minister of State for Security, who ordered the internet closure, does not have powers to issue such a directive, said the court ruling. Only President Emmerson Mnangagwa has the authority to make such an order, said the court. Over the weekend the government restored partial internet access, but kept a blackout on social media apps like Facebook, Whatsapp and Twitter. The government alleges the internet has been used to organize violent demonstrations. Zimbabwe's capital gingerly recovered from the week of tumult Monday. Most shops and businesses reopened, although many people are stocking up on food items in case of further unrest. □

## Thailand commits to policy of not detaining migrant children

Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Advocates for the protection of refugees and asylum seekers lauded a commitment by Thailand on Monday to release children held in its immigration detention centers.

The U.N. refugee agency, UNHCR, said Thai government ministries involved with the issue signed a memorandum of understanding providing a framework to meet a 2016 pledge by Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha to end the practice of detaining migrant children.

The document is an agreement in principle and does not ensure how such children will be taken care of. The UNHCR and international and Thai advocacy



Detainees hang his hand at exercise in Bangkok immigration detention center in Bangkok, Thailand, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

Associated Press

groups are urging Thailand to take the commitment a step further and release mothers with their children in order not to separate families.

Giuseppe De Vincentiis, UNHCR's representative in Thailand, called the agreement "a positive example of Thailand's humanitarian

approach to refugees and asylum seekers."

"The framework only covers the release of children detained in immigration detention," UNHCR said a statement.

"However, mothers have also been released together with their children in their capacity as legal

guardians. All over the world, UNHCR advocates that the child's right to family life must be respected and that children should

not be separated from their families except when such separation is necessary to protect the best interests of the child." □

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# Venezuela quells soldiers' revolt, top court blasts congress

By **FABIOLA SANCHEZ**

**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Venezuela plunged deeper into turmoil on Monday as security forces put down a pre-dawn uprising by national guardsmen that triggered violent street protests and the Supreme Court outlawed the opposition-controlled congress' defiant new leadership.

The mutiny triggered protests in a poor neighborhood just a few miles (kilometers) from Venezuela's presidential palace. It was dispersed with tear gas as residents set fire to a barricade of trash and chanted demands that President Nicolas Maduro leave power.

The military said in a statement said that it had recovered all the weapons and captured those involved in what it described as "treasonous" acts motivated by "obscure interests tied to the far right."

It said at around 2:50 a.m. (06:50 GMT), a small group of guardsmen took captive a captain in charge of a police station in western Caracas and then moved across the capital in two military trucks to the poor



**A Venezuelan flag hangs from a home in the Cotiza neighborhood where anti-government protesters clash with security forces after an apparent mutiny by a national guard unit in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.**

neighborhood of Petare, where they stole a cache of weapons from another outpost.

They were caught a few hours later at a national guard outpost 3 kilometers (2 miles) from the Miraflores presidential palace.

A few hours earlier, a group of heavily armed national guardsmen published a series of videos on social media saying they won't

recognize Maduro's government, which has come under increasing domestic and international pressure over a newly begun second term that the opposition-controlled congress and many nations consider illegitimate.

In one of the videos, a man identifying himself as 3rd Sgt. Alexander Bandres Figueroa, addressing the "people of Venezuela,"

urges his compatriots to take to the streets to show support for their rebellion.

"You asked to take to the streets to defend the constitution, well here we are," he said in a video shot at night in which several heavily armed men and a national guard truck can be seen in the background. "You wanted us to light the fuse, so we did. We need your support," he added.

**Associated Press**

At daybreak in the adjacent neighborhood of Cotiza, a group of shirtless young men, some with their faces covered, built a barricade across the street with a burning car, heavy sewer grates and a large chunk of concrete.

An angry group of women shouted that they have lived for too long without running water.

"Freedom! Freedom!" they chanted. "Maduro has to go!"

"We must defend our homeland," Maria Fernanda Rodriguez, a 36-year-old manicurist, told The Associated Press, her eyes welling from the tear gas.

Hours later, the government-stacked Supreme Court said it was throwing out recent measures by the National Assembly that declared Maduro's presidency illegitimate, deepening a standoff with the opposition-controlled legislature. The justices ruled that the new leadership of congress itself is invalid, and urged the country's chief prosecutor to investigate whether congressional leaders had acted criminally in openly defying the nation's constitution. □

## Top journalist Carlos Chamorro flees Nicaragua, cites raids

By **CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN**

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — More than a month after Nicaraguan police raided and occupied his news outlets' offices, prominent journalist Carlos Fernando Chamorro has fled to Costa Rica.

Chamorro announced in a video posted Monday on Facebook that he made "the painful decision to go into exile to ensure my freedom and physical safety, and above all to carry on independent journalism from Costa Rica."

Chamorro runs the online news site Confidencial as well as the television programs "Tonight" and "This Week." In mid-December, police swept into their offices and carried away documents, computers and other equipment.

When Chamorro and mem-



**In this Oct. 11, 2008 file photo, journalist Carlos Fernando Chamorro, who runs the Communication Research Center, Cinco, is surrounded by the police as a search warrant is carried out at Cinco's facilities in Managua, Nicaragua.**

**Associated Press**

bers of his staff went to the police to demand documentation justifying the raid they were violently pushed away by riot police.

President Daniel Ortega's government has moved in recent weeks against remaining independent voices of dissent in the me-

dia and non-governmental organizations.

At least 325 people have been killed in the suppression of anti-government protests that began last April.

Thousands have fled the country in self-imposed exile, including more than 50 journalists, Chamorro says. In April, journalist Angel Gahona was killed while reporting live via Facebook on protests in the southeastern city of Bluefields.

Last Friday, the newspaper La Prensa ran a blank front page bearing only the question: "Have you imagined living without information?" The government has been holding up its supplies of newsprint and ink, forcing the paper to reduce its page count and take other steps to save resources. In a column published on

Confidencial's website Sunday, Chamorro said he had exhausted his legal options in Nicaragua and now would have to continue doing journalism from Costa Rica.

He said threats and criminalization of his work had only intensified.

Chamorro demanded the release of political prisoners, including fellow journalists Miguel Mora and Lucia Pineda Ubau of 100% Noticias, who were arrested in December.

After the Sandinistas overthrew the dictator Anastasio Somoza, Chamorro ran their newspaper, La Barriada, for years. His mother, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, was with the Sandinistas when they took power in 1979, but she ran against Ortega for the presidency and won in 1990. □



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# Island Insight

Aruba's way back in time of the Paleo lithic hunters and gatherers.

## Aruba's Paleo lithic hunters and gatherers Episode II

*Nothing stood in their path, as we have mentioned in our first episode*



Pic 1. Fltr. Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire at the bottom Paraguaná isthmus.

It would be yesterday if we ask Pachamama in terms of her existence so to speak, since the last ice age melt down took place. However this was what is believed to have opened new hunting territory and navigable waters for the early archaic hunter, explorer and exploiter. Endurance and intrepidity had found the means of a pretty good life, however very mobile and on a constant move when it was time to pick up camp. But if food and resource were in abundance the urge to move became less necessary. In other words they were a semi nomadic people of convenience that exploited the available goods and supply in a specific area or zone. In this aspect the island must have been very attractive to come back after one season or more, discovering the plenty the island had to offer in those early days. It must have provided also a peaceful existence and plenty of leisure time, with medium and small game, marine animals, and batholite boulders that offer great shelter but most important there were fresh water reservoirs that offered yearlong sustainable clean and fresh water supplies.

### Early tool technology.



Pic.2. Projectile point with perforation probably used for fishing, Ayo Aruba

Technological similarities between the stone tools elaboration of North America Paleo-Natives and of their South American cousins is an evident beyond any reasonable doubt and unlikely that simple bifacial worked, stone projectile points would have been invented independently during the same period in time, on both continents. It is inconceivable that this would have happened. Rather than representing cultures divergent on a major time scale, the early Paleo-Indian lithic industries in South America are fairly closely and obviously tied to North American antecedents. Other specialized artifacts of the early industries are



Pis.4 Sero Musquita, the hill in the back

also nearly identical, such as snub-nosed end scrapers, thumbnail scrapers, graters, notched tools, bifacial knife-scrapers, and flake scrapers with retouch from alternate sides.

Artifacts made out of local stone, shells coral and bones were found in shell maidens, burials while rock art sites scattered on the island composes the majority of what can be considered scarce teachings for generations, evidence that constitutes the record for this time in human history. Just as in other places. Stones and rocks where in abundance everywhere

on the island. Each different lithic material was applied according to their strength and conditions. Some of them where transformed into weights for fishing nets, sling shots, boleadoras, color pigments, arrow heads, axes and scrapers among other. Local bifacial series present some common features, but are chiefly characterized by range in diversity of blank types, whereas the heavy-duty component presents in the material to fabricate bifacial axes that where limited to specific island quarries.

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Pic. 3. Bifacial axe found at Sero Musquita, Aruba 1972.

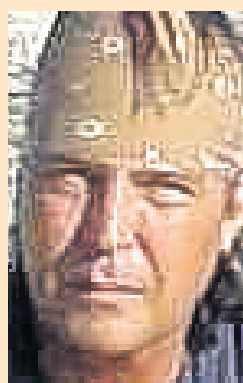


## Aruba's Paleo lithic hunters and gatherers Episode II

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The blueish original color Pic 2, where this bifacial axe is chipped recently, contrasts the lighter color shown on the entire exterior represents thousands of years exposed to the elements, since the time it was dropped or left there on the floor obtaining its patina.

Interpreting century's old information recollected with the goal of study and analyzes, is why lithic utensils, pollen, animal bones and burial grounds are excavated is all about. In various places on the island archaic hunters activities was present. However it takes a trained eye to read the earth's surface for



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clues. Finding evidence to support the theory that the Paleolithic man had to dedicate himself and master various tasks and technics in order to conquer his environment is essential. We trust that as scientific disciplines applied technologies become more and more accurate as well as accessible new findings will reveal an unimaginable window of discoveries. Separating the did's and did nots during the Paleo hunters travels in the Pan Caribbean area and more precisely Aruba. Now it is to imagine nomadic family groups, bands and clans of approximately 30 individuals, arriving in dug out canoes with animals

**Pic.5 Sero Musquita, the hill in the back** and vegetation that was not here before practicing and primitive agro culture. Also prime materials were imported in the form of chert since it was not viable on the island. Family groups of ages between 47 for those who have seen better day to a new born. Excavation production can tell us a lot regarding health and believes height, what they ate, etc. in what conditions they must have survived locally.

One of these excavated sites is Malmok.

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## Bohemian Restaurant: Check In Please

**PALM BEACH** — Avant-garde from France, non-conformist in style and ethnic in cuisine. That is what the new kid in town is about and **TONIGHT** they even top the eclectic vibe with live Flamenco singer **Angela Baidez**. Bohemian Restaurant is a different swing, European flair and outside dining, a place from the same owner as the for years already successful Casa Tua restaurants. They know their dance well, but this time they lift it to a different level.

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Last but not least: check out our website and Facebook page! Thank you for supporting our free newspaper, we strive to make you a happy reader every day again. For today's newspaper we received a great picture from Monica Rivera from Brooklyn New York. She wrote: Aruba to me is Serenity. ☐





## Climbing high!



**ORANJESTAD — Meet Lee Humphries, a 36 year old adventurer and mountain climber from Wolverhampton, England. He is now on an adventure to stand on the highest point in 100 countries around the world and Aruba was also on his list.**

He always had a fascination with extremes, whether it be the fastest, longest or tallest and he recalls collecting and studying many

articles from the Guinness book of records from a young age. After school one evening in September 1994 his Dad, Brother, Nan, Granddad and himself headed to a local viewpoint Beacon Hill (237m) in Sedgley. He still remembers seeing those views over Wolverhampton and the Shropshire hills for the first time and the great lump in the distance that is the Wrekin (407m) near Telford. This was undoubtedly



the starting point and beginning of his interest in hills and mountains. In April 1997 (I was 14 at the time) during the Easter school holiday I remember my dad posed me the question as to where we should go? I believe he was thinking about a nice walk in the peak district but i straight away said "Snowdon.. To climb the highest mountain in Wales".. and so we did, My first country high point on 05/04/97 says Humphries

From that point on he was a hill and mountain addict.. On many weekends and school holidays I would travel with a friend to Wales to climb hills. Predominantly

ones which had good access using public transport as trains and buses were our only options. In September 2015 he noticed that he had climbed to the highest point in 13 countries and in that moment his 100countryhigh-points adventure was born! His adventure not only involves climbing to the highest point in Every European country, but also to the highest point in Africa (Kilimanjaro 5895m) and South America (Aconcagua 6962m) along with many more countries around the world. He had climbed 40 country high points by the end of 2016 with the aim of climbing ~20 country high points per year. Therefore by 2020 he will have climbed to the highest point in 100 countries.

Aruba was his first country high point in the Americas and the first of a planned 9 day 5 Country high point adventure. Jamanota is only a mere 188m but with his 9 days of luggage on his

back and by now the temperature around 32c+ it was a good warm-up walk to start the year off and get back into the high point routine. He soon reached a sign saying Cero Jamanota and had his first glimpse of the antenna that marked the highest point. He pushed on and reached the end of the track which opened up to a nice viewpoint area. There was a large gate blocking the remaining track that led to the summit which was easily bypassed to the left hand side. After a few minutes on the final steeper section, he was standing on the highest point in Aruba. #58 and his first country high point of the Americas. The view was extensive and he could see over to the fantastic blue waters and beaches that surrounded the islands main resorts and hotels.

Want to see where Lee Humphries will be next? Follow his adventure on social media 100CountryHigh-Points. ☐





# SPORTS



## Prop bets popular for Super Bowl, but NFL wants them gone

By WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) —

Many Americans in places where sports betting is legal for the first time are beginning to make wagers on the Super Bowl, including some bets on the performances of individual athletes.

But if the National Football League had its way, bets on things like passing touchdowns for New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady or rushing yards for Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley would be restricted — or even outlawed as too risky and vulnerable to manipulation or cheating.

Proposition bets — also known as prop bets — are less popular during the regular season but gain steam during the Super Bowl each year as a way to bet on the outcome of more than one thing at a moment the sports world is intensely focused on a single game.

In testimony before a U.S. House of Representatives committee on Sept. 27, NFL Executive Vice President Jocelyn Moore asked Congress to let professional sports leagues and gambling regulators ban prop bets that involve the performance of individual athletes over the course of a game.

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# SWEET 16

*Serena beats top-ranked Halep to reach Australian quarterfinals*

United States' Serena Williams reacts during her fourth round match against Romania's Simona Halep at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

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# Shiffrin shows she's ready to take over from Vonn

By **ANDREW DAMPF**

AP Sports Writer

**CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy**

(AP) — A passing of the torch moment. A generational transformation marked by a veteran's tears and the unbridled joy of youth.

Call it what you want, it seemed like destiny played a role when Mikaela Shiffrin won what could very well turn out to be Lindsey Vonn's last race.

In the space of about a half hour on Sunday, Vonn broke down emotionally after she failed to finish a World Cup super-G on knees so worn down that she describes them as "bone on bone," then Shiffrin came down nine racers later and won her first speed race at the premier stop on the women's circuit.

Shortly after the normally reserved Shiffrin unleashed an unusual hands-over-her-head celebration, Vonn announced that she was considering moving up her retirement.

"As a fan of ski racing and as an American, if Lindsey's not there it's awesome to see another American girl on top," said retired U.S. racer Daron Rahlves, who was in attendance. "But I know it's burning inside for Lindsey."

After collecting herself, the 34-year-old Vonn went over and embraced the 23-year-old Shiffrin, who was standing in the leader's box.

"I just told her, 'Congratulations and awesome skiing. It was a well-earned victory today,'" Vonn said.

Not too long ago, it was a moment that Shiffrin could only have dreamed of.

"When I was younger she was someone I looked up to like crazy," Shiffrin said. "I was doing book reports on her. I was one of those fans."

Lately, Shiffrin has had a front-row seat to observe Vonn's perseverance.

At Shiffrin's first world championships in Schladming, Austria, she watched as Vonn tumbled head first into one of the ugliest and



In this Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 file photo, United States' Mikaela Shiffrin, center, winner of an alpine ski, women's World Cup super-G, sprays sparkling wine as she celebrates on the podium with second placed Liechtenstein's Tina Weirather, left, and third placed Austria's Tamara Tippler, in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy.

most damaging crashes of her career — the one that eventually kept Vonn out of the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Shiffrin, by then an Olympic champion like her idol, was also there when Vonn, 33 at the time, won a bronze in the downhill at last year's Pyeongchang Games, becoming the oldest female medalist in Olympic history for Alpine skiing.

"The speed that she has is just in her — more speed than everyone else — it lives in her bones," Shiffrin said. "Managing that with the injuries that she's had and the mentality she always has to push 1,000 percent ... I've always been watching that."

While Vonn returned this weekend from a left knee injury — she hyperextended it and sprained a ligament in November — her right knee is permanently damaged from previous crashes. She has also suffered fractures near her left knee, broken her ankle, sliced her right thumb, had a concussion and more.

Vonn was planning on retiring in December but her results this past weekend — her best finish in three races was ninth — prompted her to consider leaving the sport earlier.

"There's only so much I can handle and I might have

reached my maximum," Vonn said Sunday.

U.S. team spokeswoman Megan Harrod said Monday that Vonn "is going to take the next couple/few days to think about how she will proceed and process everything, and then decide about how she will move forward based on that."

Vonn has 82 World Cup victories — best all-time among women — and four fewer than record-holder Ingemar Stenmark, who raced in the 1970s and 80s. "She took Alpine racing

to the next level," said Tina Weirather, the Liechtenstein racer who is the daughter of two skiing champions and who finished second Sunday. "Her mentality was something we had never seen before. She was never afraid to say that she's the best and she wants to be best."

Shiffrin also had a desire to be the best from a young age, and it was a relief for her to notice when she first came on tour that Vonn has the same determination.

"I used to apologize for that

because it was almost like I had more intensity than all the other girls. When I saw Lindsey like this it was confirmation that this philosophy I had was working and it would work and I have to stay on this track," Shiffrin said. "That was a really cool feeling and something that made a difference for me." With Shiffrin well on her way toward a third straight overall World Cup title — Vonn won four overalls — she's well prepared to take over the spotlight from Vonn.

"She's been a little bit sidelined for most of my career, which kind of makes me feel like the spotlight doesn't change for me," Shiffrin said. "When she's around, for sure the attention is on her but when she's not around then I feel kind of normal with it anyway. So I don't think that really changes. Anyway I'm always the one that's a little bit shy."

Shiffrin's victory Sunday was the 54th of her career, tying her with Hermann Maier for sixth on the all-time list.

"I would love to see Lindsey catch fire again and finish off strong and set a new record of World Cup wins," Rahlves said. "It's been standing for so long it would be fun to see her get that record. But then it probably won't be too long for Mikaela to come around and challenge it as well." □

Associated Press

## Friedrich wins his 8th World Cup bobsled race of season

**INNSBRUCK, Austria (AP)**

— Francesco Friedrich continued his dominant World Cup bobsled season with another four-man victory on Sunday.

The German star and his team of Martin Grothkopp, Alexander Schueller and Thorsten Margis finished with a total two-run time of 1 minute, 41.17 seconds.

Between two- and four-man races, Friedrich has competed 10 times this season and won eight golds, one silver and one bronze.



Germany's Francesco Friedrich, right and Thorsten Margis celebrate on the podium after winning the two-man Bobsled World Cup race in Igls, near Innsbruck, Austria, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

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As a nation, Germany has claimed 29 of a possible 45 medals in World Cup bobsledding this season. Oskars Kibermanis of Latvia drove to second place

in 1:41.36. Johannes Lochner of Germany took third in 1:41.61.

Codie Bascue was the top U.S. driver, with his sled placing 13th. □



# Serena Williams ousts No. 1 Simona Halep at Australian Open

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

**AP Tennis Writer**

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**

— As Serena Williams made her way out to the Australian Open's main court during pre-match introductions, the voice booming over the stadium's speakers implored spectators to welcome "the world's No. 1 player — from Romania, Simona Halep."

Oops.

Williams, wearing headphones, quickly pivoted and retreated back into the tunnel she'd just emerged from, making way for her fourth-round opponent Monday night. A couple of hours later, when Williams wrapped up her 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Halep in a contest filled with momentum swings and fantastic play by both, it was clear which woman really is No. 1, regardless of what the current rankings say.

"It was a really intense match, and it was some incredible points," said Williams, who improved to 9-1 against Halep and now meets 2016 U.S. Open runner-up Karolina Pliskova in the quarterfinals. "I love playing tennis and I love to play here and I love to be back out here."

The 37-year-old American sat out last year's Australia-

lian Open after giving birth to a daughter months earlier and dealing with health complications. Since returning to the tour, Williams has reached the past two Grand Slam finals, losing both — and leaving her still one shy of equaling Margaret Court's record of 24 major singles titles.

Halep offered up the first real test Williams has faced at this year's Australian Open, where she is bidding for an eighth trophy, pushing her throughout a back-and-forth matchup that was a fascinating mix of power, court coverage and shotmaking.

It wasn't until Williams saved three break points in a monumental game to hold for 3-all in the third set that she gained control.

"I was unlucky a little bit," Halep said.

Williams then broke for a 4-3 lead and finally was on her way.

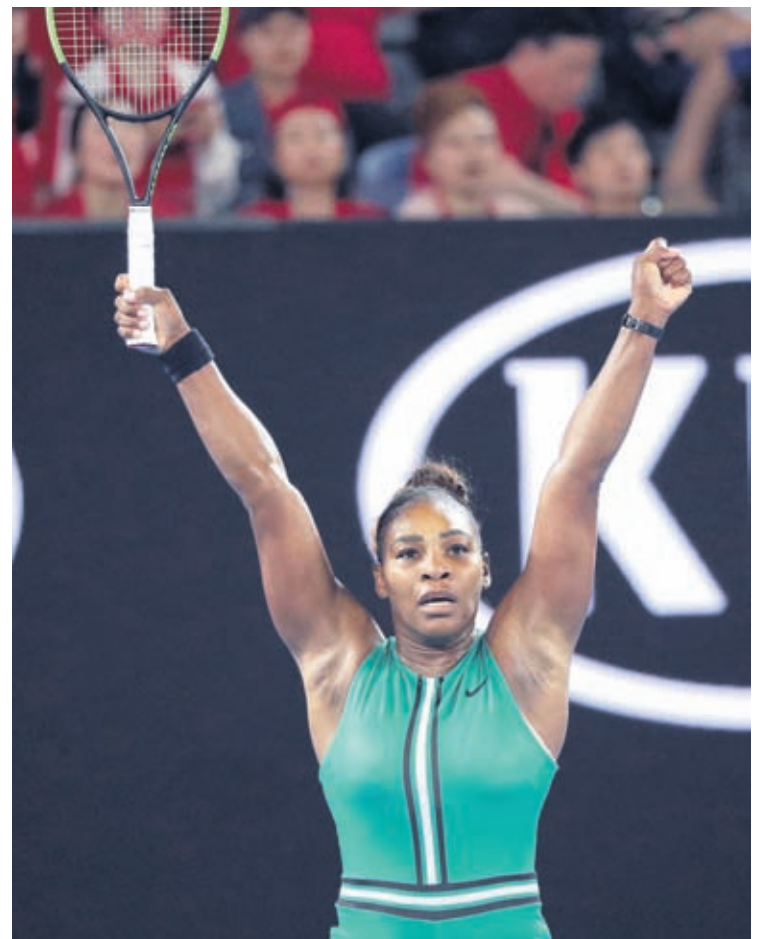
"In order for me to stay out there, I had to play a little like I knew I could," said Williams, who is seeded 16th on account of all the time she took away from tennis while becoming a mother. "I'm such a fighter. I just never give up. It's definitely something that's innate. I just work so hard for every point."

That she does. She also makes abundantly clear just how much every point means to her.

Against Halep — who beat Serena's older sister, Venus, in the third round — Williams frequently pumped her fists or yelled "Come on!" after key exchanges. When Halep hit one shot that caught the net tape and barely trickled over for a winner, Williams looked pained and complained, "I mean, it's not fair."

Pliskova advanced earlier Monday with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza.

The other quarterfinal on that side of the women's bracket features No. 4 Naomi Osaka against No. 6 Elina Svitolina. Osaka, who beat Williams in last year's U.S. Open final, edged No. 13 Anastasija Sevastova 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the fourth round, while Svitolina got past 2017 U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys 6-2, 1-6, 6-1. In men's matches, 2016 Wimbledon runner-up Milos Raonic knocked off No. 4-seeded Alexander Zverev 6-1, 6-1, 7-6 (5), and next takes on No. 28 Lucas Pouille, a 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (2) winner over No. 11 Borna Coric. No. 23 Pablo Carreno Busta left the court



**United States' Serena Williams celebrates after defeating Romania's Simona Halep in their fourth round match at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

yelling at the chair umpire after a disagreement in the concluding tiebreaker of his 6-7 (8), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (8) loss to No. 8-seeded Kei Nishikori in a 5-hour, 5-minute marathon that was the longest match of the tournament. Nishikori's quarterfinal foe will be No. 1-seeded and six-time champion Novak Djokovic, who overcame a couple of tumbles to the court and a series of energy-sapping

baseline exchanges — one point lasted 42 strokes! — to beat No. 15 Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-3.

After topping Medvedev in a 3-hour, 15-minute struggle to get back to the quarterfinals for the first time in three years, Djokovic joked during an on-court interview:

"Since I guess my next opponent is watching, I'm feeling fantastic. I've never felt fresher in my life." □

## Li Na, Mary Pierce, Kafelnikov head to Tennis Hall of Fame

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

**AP Tennis Writer**

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**

— Li Na already was the first tennis player born in Asia to win a Grand Slam singles title. Now she will be the first enshrined in the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Li was joined by Mary Pierce and Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the hall's Class of 2019, which was announced Monday at the Australian Open.

All three won a pair of major titles — one at Melbourne Park and the other at Roland Garros.

Li retired in 2014 at age 32

because of recurring knee injuries, eight months after winning that year's Australian Open and rising to a career-high No. 2 in the WTA ranking. Her first Slam trophy came at the 2011 French Open, where she defeated four top-10 opponents along the way. She also was the runner-up in Australia twice.

Those on-court achievements, along with Li's engaging personality, helped spur interest in tennis at home in China.

"I have loved seeing the sport grow in China," Li said in a statement released by the hall, "and I'm proud to



**In this June 23, 2014, file photo Li Na of China plays a return to Paula Kania of Poland during their first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London.**

**Associated Press**

be part of that history." Pierce's title at the 2000 French Open was the

most recent in singles for a French player at Roland Garros; she also won

a doubles title there that year.

Her other Grand Slam singles title came at the 1995 Australian Open, and she helped France win two Fed Cup titles.

Kafelnikov is the last man to win singles and doubles championships at the same Grand Slam tournament, managing to do that at the French Open in 1996. He also won the singles title at the 1999 Australian Open, finished with a total of four major doubles trophies, reached No. 1 in the ranking and won a gold medal for Russia at the 2000 Olympics. □



# Officiating helps determine Super Bowl teams

By **BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —**

The last thing the NFL would ever want is for an officiating mistake to decide the Super Bowl.

On Sunday, the league might have made enough errors to determine both teams that will play in the championship game in two weeks. The most egregious gaffe came in the NFC title game in New Orleans. The Saints were in position to put away the Rams when Tommylee Lewis blatantly was interfered with inside the Los Angeles 5-yard line by cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman. Not only did Robey-Coleman hit Lewis early, he did so helmet to helmet. Next weekend, we'll hear about Robey-Coleman being fined for the collision — even though, incredibly, no flag was thrown.

"Came to the sideline, looked at the football gods and was like, 'Thank you,'" Robey-Coleman said. "I got away with one tonight."

Such a big one that it kept the Rams alive. Instead of a first down and the chance to run down the clock before making a field goal, or score a touchdown for a bigger lead, the Saints wound up with Wil Lutz's 31-yard kick. That made it



**New Orleans Saints wide receiver Tommylee Lewis (11) works for a coach against Los Angeles Rams defensive back Nickell Robey-Coleman (23) during the second half the NFL football NFC championship game Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in New Orleans. The Rams won 26-23.**

**Associated Press**

23-20 with 1:41 left in regulation, plenty of time for the Rams to march to Greg Zuerlein's tying 48-yard field goal.

"Greg The Leg" won it with a 57-yarder in OT. His heroics almost certainly never would have happened had the call on Robey-Coleman been made. And the fact the defender led with his head into Lewis' helmet at a time when the

NFL is adamant that it's doing everything to get such hits out of the sport should be even more maddening. "They felt like the players — the player — arrived at the same time that the ball did," Saints coach Sean Payton said, trying to be diplomatic when he had every right to rant and rave. "They didn't feel like it was an interference call. "Look, it's a tough way to

lose a game, especially when you're in a position like that to win it. It's all the more reason why we need more replay. We lose a chance to go to the Super Bowl with a call like that, it's just disappointing. But, credit the Rams. They did a good job, made the plays in the end when they needed to." Plays that wouldn't have existed if Bill Vinovich's crew got it right.

An argument often is made, and rightly so, that plays seen in slow motion become clearly illegal, but at full speed in an increasingly fast and physical game, they look OK. That contention has no place here; even at warp speed, Robey-Coleman's hit was obviously a penalty.

NFL senior vice president of officiating Al Riveron "couldn't believe" no penalty call was called on the play, Payton said.

"It's tough to get over it," Payton said. "My problem with it is, I just don't know, if we were playing pickup football in the backyard ... it was as obvious a call — and how two guys can look at that and arrive at their decision? It happened though."

A few things happened in Kansas City, too, where the Patriots won 37-31, also in overtime. These had more to do with replay, with two critical calls going New England's way in the fourth quarter. The first, which required a lengthy video review, involved Julian Edelman muffing a punt. The original call was that the bouncing ball touched him. Replays, even in stop motion, seemed inconclusive, which means the call should stand.

But Riveron and his staff in New York saw enough evidence that Edelman never made contact with the football. Even Kansas City's laid-back coach, Andy Reid, became highly demonstrative with the overturned decision. Who could blame him considering how many dozens of such calls stick with what on-field officials determined? The Chiefs, perhaps in a dose of poetic justice, soon after intercepted a pass that went off Edelman's hands.

But later in the quarter, Chris Hogan attempted a one-handed catch on third down. Reid challenged, and replay indicated far more evidence the ground helped Hogan make the catch than the previous review showed Edelman whiffed on the ball. □

## Pro Bets

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"Examples might range from the number of passing yards by a quarterback in a football game or the number of points or rebounds by a team during a quarter of a basketball game, to the number of 'throw-ins' in a soccer match, or even how many flags a referee might throw in a contest," she testified. "These types of bets are significantly more susceptible to match-fixing efforts, and are therefore a source of concern to sports leagues, individual teams, and the athletes who compete."

"To address concerns regarding risky betting fixtures, we encourage Con-

gress to allow professional and amateur sports organizations to identify which types of bets simply pose too significant a risk to the integrity of sports and to work with regulators not to authorize them," she said.

An NFL spokesman said last week there has been no change in the league's position since the September testimony.

Joe Asher, CEO of William Hill US, the American arm of the British bookmaker that runs several sportsbooks in this country, said the league's request is a solution in search of a problem. "We've been doing this for many years, and this issue is way overblown," he said. "With the exception of the



**New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds the championship trophy after the AFC Championship NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in Kansas City, Mo.**

**Associated Press**

Super Bowl, player props are a tiny portion of the business — a fingernail on the world's biggest man." He acknowledged such bets will make up a bigger proportion of Super Bowl gambling.

"Prop betting on the Super Bowl is quite popular and keeps people engaged throughout the game, even if it's a blowout," he said. "We've never seen evidence of a player prop being manipulated." □





This Nov. 2, 2018, file photo shows Houston Rockets forward Carmelo Anthony reacting during the second half of an NBA basketball game in New York.

Associated Press

## AP Source: Rockets trading Carmelo Anthony to Chicago

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Carmelo Anthony is going to Chicago, albeit only on paper.

Where he's going next remains unclear.

A person with direct knowledge of the matter said the Houston Rockets are trading Anthony and an undisclosed amount of cash to the Bulls in a deal that is expected to be completed Tuesday. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday because the trade still needs league approval.

When that comes — the only reason why it didn't happen Monday is because the NBA office was closed to commemorate the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday — Anthony will have a new team, though still won't be back on the floor. The Bulls have no plans to play Anthony and will look to either trade him before the Feb. 7 deadline or ultimately waive him and make him a free agent.

The trade ends a short-lived saga in Houston for Anthony, who averaged 13.4 points in 10 games with the Rockets. He has not played since Nov. 8.

Anthony was traded by Oklahoma City to Atlanta in July, a move that pre-

ceded the Hawks releasing him to sign with the Rockets. The Bulls, technically, will be Anthony's fourth franchise in seven months, with likely one more to come before long.

"We just had to see how things worked out," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said in November when the team said it was parting ways with Anthony. "And the way we play probably wasn't conducive to his game, and he was trying to make the necessary sacrifices and it wasn't fair to him as a Hall of Fame player to play in a way that wasn't good for him, wasn't good for us. It just wasn't a fit."

Anthony is a 10-time All-Star who has averaged 24.0 points and 6.5 rebounds per game in his career. He was the No. 3 pick in the star-studded 2003 draft class that also included No. 1 LeBron James, No. 4 Chris Bosh and No. 5 Dwyane Wade. □



Minnesota Timberwolves' Derrick Rose shoots the game-winning shot over Phoenix Suns' Mikal Bridges in the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

## Derrick Rose lifts Timberwolves past Phoenix Suns, 116-114

By The Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Derrick Rose hit an 18-footer with 0.9 seconds left to give the Minnesota Timberwolves a 116-114 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday night. Rose scored 29 of his 31 points in the seconds to help Minnesota overcome an 11-point deficit.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 28 of his 30 points in the first half for Minnesota. With Towns struggling against double-teams in the second, Rose kept the Wolves in the game on 11-for-18 shooting in the half.

T.J. Warren led Phoenix with 21 points and Devin Booker and Kelly Oubre, Jr. each added 18. Warren's last-second corner 3 hit off the side of the backboard.

**CLIPPERS 103, SPURS 95**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Tobias Harris had 27 points, nine rebounds and nine assists and Los Angeles beat San Antonio to snap a five-game losing streak.

The Clippers led for all but 14 seconds in handing the Spurs their second straight loss at home.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points and 14 rebounds for San Antonio. The Spurs had 18 turnovers.

Patrick Beverly added 18 points, 12 rebounds and five assists for the Clippers. Montrezl Harrell also had 18 points, and Avery Bradley had 15.

**PACERS 120, HORNETS 95**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Victor Oladipo scored 21 points and Darren Collison added 19 points and nine assists Sunday, leading Indiana past Charlotte.

Indiana has won four of five to improve to 16 games over .500 for the first time since the end of 2013-14. Kemba Walker had 23 points for Charlotte. □

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# More sexual abuse claims rock South Korean skating

By **KIM TONG-HYUNG**

**Associated Press**

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**

— More South Korean female skaters are accusing their coaches of sexually abusing them, a group representing the athletes disclosed Monday following claims by two-time Olympic champion Shim Suk-hee that her former coach had repeatedly raped her. The announcement came amid a growing #MeToo movement in South Korea's elite sports scene, which has been notorious for a brutal training culture and highly hierarchical relationships between coaches and athletes.

In addition to Shim, female athletes in judo, taekwondo and wrestling have also accused their male coaches of sexually abusing them. Members of the country's silver medal-winning Olympic curling team, cheered as the Garlic Girls for their hometown's famed produce, have accused their former coaches of verbal abuse and holding back prize money.

In a news conference at South Korea's parliament, a group called Solidarity for Young Skaters said five other skaters had been sexually abused by their coaches. The group didn't reveal any names, citing privacy worries.

Lawmaker Sohn Hye-won,



In this Nov. 13, 2016, file photo, first place finisher Shim Suk-hee, from South Korea, races during the women's 1,500-meter finals at a World Cup short track speedskating event at the Utah Olympic Oval in Kearns, Utah.

who appeared in the same news conference, said one of the alleged victims said she was repeatedly groped as a teen by a coach while training at the Korea National Sport University, a powerhouse in producing Olympic athletes. The skater said the unidentified coach would forcibly hug and kiss her and verbally abused her after she rejected his advances, Sohn said. Sohn also called for an investigation into former national team coach Jeon Myeong-gyu, who is somewhat of a godfather figure

in South Korean skating. Currently a professor at KNSU, Jeon has long been accused of nepotism for favoring athletes and coaches from the school in international competition and is now under suspicion of pressuring victims in order to cover up sex crimes committed by coaches he taught.

"There has been frequent sexual abuse in the skating scene, but the offenders in most cases did not receive punishment; that's because the coaches were members of the KNSU

circle led by Professor Jeon Myeong-gyu," said Sohn, adding that the victims are afraid they'll face retaliation if they come forward with their claims.

Jeon later said at a separate news conference that he feels sorry for Shim and didn't know she was abused. He denied that he attempted to cover up abusive conduct by his students.

"There's no way for me to know about every act of sexual violence that takes place. I am not in a position to know that much,"

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he said.

Sohn and the skaters' group also urged Korean Sport and Olympic Committee President Lee Kee-heung and other officials to step down for failing to safeguard athletes. The committee said it plans to launch a special committee to investigate abuse across sports and create new rules to protect athletes.

Experts say abusive treatment of female athletes has long been a problem in South Korean elite sports, which are often run by men. Athletes must live in dormitories, where coaches often exercise overbearing control, and they skip school from a young age in order to perform well at athletic events, leaving them with less education and career choices, which makes it harder for them to resist unjust treatment, critics say.

South Korea has associated Olympic achievements with national pride, and the problems regarding training cultures have often been overlooked as long as the athletes succeed.

But the pressure for change is now coming from a younger generation of athletes, led by Shim, who won two gold medals in women's short-track speed skating in the 2018 and 2014 Winter Olympics. □



Chicago Blackhawks right wing Patrick Kane (88) celebrates after his goal against the Washington Capitals during the third period of an NHL hockey game Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in Chicago.

**Associated Press**

By **The Associated Press**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Jonathan Toews had three goals and two assists, Patrick

Kane added two goals and three assists, and the Chicago Blackhawks handed the Washington Capitals

## Blackhawks extend Capitals' season-worst skid with 8-5 win

their season-high fifth consecutive loss with an 8-5 victory on Sunday.

Brandon Saad and Alex DeBrincat also scored and Dylan Strome added an empty-netter as last-place Chicago stopped its own five-game slide. Collin Delia made 34 saves, including impressive stops on John Carlson and Tom Wilson in the second. Washington's defensemen accounted for each of its five goals while star forwards Alex Ovechkin and Evgeny Kuznetsov were kept off the

score sheet. Carlson scored twice, Dmitry Orlov and Matt Niskanen each had a goal and an assist, and Brooks Orpik got his second of the season.

Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby allowed four goals on 11 shots before he was replaced by Pheonix Copley 2:30 into the second.

**ISLANDERS 3, DUCKS 0**

**UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP)** — Cal Clutterbuck scored twice in the first period and Robin Lehner made 19 saves as New York downed Ana-

heim for its fifth straight win. The victory was the 15th in 18 games for the Metropolitan Division-leading Islanders, who have surged past Washington and Columbus over the past month.

Clutterbuck opened the scoring at 4:50 of the first with a power-play goal.

Clutterbuck scored again from a nearly identical spot midway through the first for his sixth goal of the season. Leo Komarov scored his sixth this season with 29 seconds remaining in the second period. □



# Ji survives cold and wind to win LPGA Tour opener

**LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)** — Eun-Hee Ji of South Korea left the mistakes to everyone else down the stretch in the LPGA Tour season opener.

Ji managed a strong wind and temperatures in the 50s on Sunday by making three birdies on the back nine to pull away and close with a 1-under 70, giving her a two-shot victory in the Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions.

Ji got her mistakes out of the way early, opening with two bogeys to fall behind Lydia Ko. The 32-year-old South Korean took the lead for good with a birdie on the 10th hole at Tranquilo Golf Club at Four Seasons, and she stayed in front the rest of the way.

"It was a little bit chilly for me today. My body was a little bit tight on first tee, so I just pulled a little bit, and I made a bogey," she said. "I made a bogey again second hole. I was like, 'OK, wait a minute. I need to play this.' But I have like 16 more holes, and I just trust my swing after that." Ko was one shot behind when she pulled her tee shot on the par-5 13th and never found it, and then compounded the error with a three-putt for a double bogey. Ko made double bogey on the closing hole for a 42 on the back nine and a 77.

Ji finished at 14-under 270 to win by two over Mirim Lee, who made only one bogey in her round of 68. Nelly Korda (71) finished third. "I just enjoyed my game with my celebrity partners," Ji said. "It makes it more fun and I relaxed more. So I didn't get nervous." The LPGA opener was limited to winners over the last two seasons. It also included a celebrity field of athletes and entertainers who competed for a \$500,000 purse using the modified Stableford scoring system. Former Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz had 33 points in the final round for a three-point victory over former pitcher Mark Mulder. Smoltz was busy doing math with the

Stableford system, trying to hold on for the victory.

"I played really defensively knowing I could get two points for par," Smoltz said. "I never thought the bogey I made at 17 would be the difference." Stacy Lewis, in her first competition as a mother, shot 70 and tied for sixth. Ariya Jutanugarn, the No. 1 player in women's golf who captured every major award last year, went into the weekend two shots out of the lead and closed with a pair of 75s to tie for 18th. Her sister, Moriya Jutanugarn, managed a bogey-free round for a 69 to tie for fourth with Shan-shan Feng (70).

Ko says her problems on the 13th started with thinking she had to hammer her tee shot.

No one could find it in the marsh area left of the fairway, though Ko was at least consoled to see "like a million balls in there, so it makes me feel better that I wasn't the only one that hit there." She hit another tee shot and easily carried the bunker, and then hit a stock 3-wood onto the green. "I was like, 'Well, that was stupid.' Because I could have just hit a normal driver, and I probably wouldn't have duck-hooked it and it would still be able to be in play," Ko said. "I guess there's moments I thought it was necessary, but then it wasn't. But, hey, you're always going to have some of these failures along the way." The LPGA is now off for two weeks before resuming in Australia for the Vic Open. The tour returns to the United States on March 21-24 for the Founders Cup in Arizona. □

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Eun-Hee Ji, of South Korea, holds the championship trophy after winning the Tournament of Champions LPGA golf tournament Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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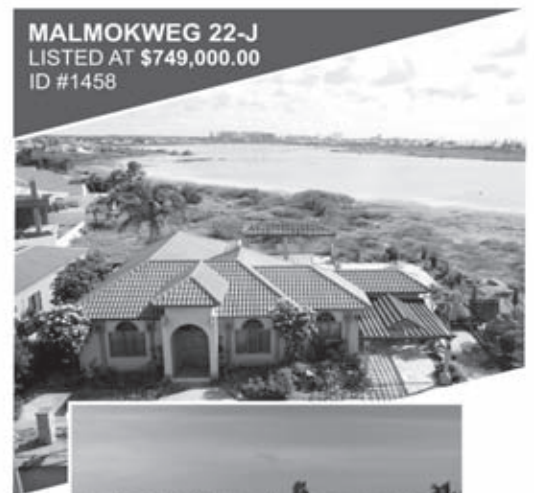
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## AP Explains: 2019 a busy year for African internet shutdowns

By CARA ANNA  
Associated Press

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — 2019 is already a busy year for internet shutdowns in Africa, with governments ordering cutoffs as soon as a crisis appears. "It is not even the second month of the new year and we have had significant internet shutdowns in four African countries," said Berhan Taye, who leads the #KeepItOn campaign for global digital rights group Access Now.

The group noted 21 shutdowns across Africa last year and 13 in 2017. Zimbabwe ordered a "total internet shutdown" last week during protests over a dramatic fuel price increase and a resulting deadly crackdown. Congo late Saturday restored internet service 20 days after the disputed presidential election, as a court moved to declare the winner. Gabon shut off service during an attempted coup, and Sudan earlier blocked social media amid growing calls for its longtime president to step down.

How do governments do it? Here's a quick guide. **TURNING IT OFF** Governments tell internet service providers, some of them government-owned, what to block. The fewer ISPs, the more easily it's done. "One tool available to gov-

ernments that makes shutdowns so frequent are the contracts ISPs sign with the communication regulator,"

rowed down in these contracts." In Zimbabwe, the country's largest telecom company,

traffic away from intended destinations and toward servers controlled by the government.



In this Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019 file photo, protestors gather near a burning fire during a demonstration over the hike in fuel prices in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Associated Press

Taye said.

"In this contract, there is a clause that gives the communication regulator the power to order service providers to restrict access to the internet or block social media apps at the regulator's request. These clauses usually indicate that regulators can order shutdowns in times of national security or public safety concerns, but these phrases are seldom defined and nar-

Econet, has been sending customers text messages relaying the government's orders and calling the situation "beyond our reasonable control."

A media group and the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights have petitioned the High Court in the capital, Harare, arguing that the government has "no legal basis" for such orders. A hearing is on Monday.

### TARGETING HERE, TARGETING THERE

Shutdown methods vary. Internet service providers can alter routing information at key infrastructure points so traffic is blocked, notably to the world beyond a country's borders. "This is often the mechanism used to take a whole nation offline," Taye said. Filtering apps, a popular tool, can be used to block access to selected social media. Various forms of "throttling" can be used to make a service appear unavailable, frustrating users who don't know whether the problem is technical or deliberate.

Domain name servers can be manipulated to send

The Zimbabwe government has defended its actions, calling the internet shutdown necessary and asserting that people had used online platforms to coordinate the unrest and threaten society.

"There is no way that you expect us to sacrifice a national good for the sake of the internet," presidential spokesman George Charamba said Saturday night on state television.

### IT GETS COMPLICATED

As it becomes clear a shutdown has occurred in a country, residents quickly look for workarounds. In Congo, people in the capital, Kinshasa, found ways to tap into services provided just across the Congo River in the Republic of Congo. Others in the east of the sprawling country moved toward the borders with Rwanda and Uganda to pick up coverage options offered in those countries. And in Zimbabwe and elsewhere, a brisk flow of information began about which virtual private networks, which mask a user's location, were the best to use to get around controls. □





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## Liz Weston: There's always a next recession, so be prepared

By LIZ WESTON  
Associated Press

Recessions are like natural disasters: They're inevitable, but smart preparation may reduce the impact on you. The U.S. economy has grown steadily since emerging from the "Great Recession" in June 2009, but expansions can't continue forever, and this one is already the second-longest on record. Only the expansion from March 1991 to March 2001 lasted longer. Recessions occur when growth stops and the economy starts to shrink. They vary in severity and length, but often jobs disappear, incomes decline and lenders make it harder to qualify for credit.

Knowing what may be coming can help you fortify your finances to withstand a possible slowdown. Here are some steps to consider.

### REDUCE YOUR 'MUST HAVES'

The 50/30/20 budget suggests limiting your must-have expenses to 50 percent of your after-tax income, with 30 percent allocated to wants and 20 percent to debt payment and savings. Must-haves include shelter, transportation, food, utilities, insurance, and minimum loan payments.

Limiting essential expenses ensures you have room to pay off the past, save for the future and have a little fun. Capping them also helps during bad econom-



This April 2017 file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

ic times, when you may need to sharply reduce your spending because of job loss or reduced hours.

### PROTECT YOUR CREDIT SCORES

Lenders often get pickier during recessions. They may freeze lines of credit, close credit card accounts and make new loans harder to get.

People with good credit scores tend to fare better when lenders get choosy. Lenders need to stay in business, after all, so when

delinquencies and defaults rise they want to cultivate customers who are most likely to pay them back.

Because high scores suggest you'll pay as agreed, protecting your scores is essential. That means paying all your bills on time, using only a small amount of your credit limits, keeping old credit card accounts open and being selective about opening new accounts.

### INCREASE YOUR FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY

Ideally, everyone would

have an emergency fund equal to at least three months' worth of expenses. But most people don't have nearly that much saved, and building up such a stash can take years.

In the meantime, it's smart to set up access to additional credit that you can tap if you lose your job or face other financial setbacks. If you own your home, you may be able to set up a home equity line of credit or replace your current line with one that has

a higher limit. Having a few credit cards can help as well.

The key to the strategy is to keep these lines open and unused. (You'll need to make a few small charges to keep the credit cards active, but you should pay the balances in full each month.) If you have credit card debt, focus on paying that down since you'll free up available credit and save money on interest.

But don't rush to pay off student loans or mortgages, especially if you have higher-rate debt or a paltry emergency fund. Your extra principal payments typically won't reduce your required monthly payment, and you can't get that money back if you need cash in an emergency. Although being debt-free is a good goal, in a recession it can be more important to have financial flexibility.

### UPDATE YOUR INVESTMENTS

If your stock market investments include money you'll need in the next five years, now is the time to move it to a lower-risk investment such as a short-term bond fund or cash.

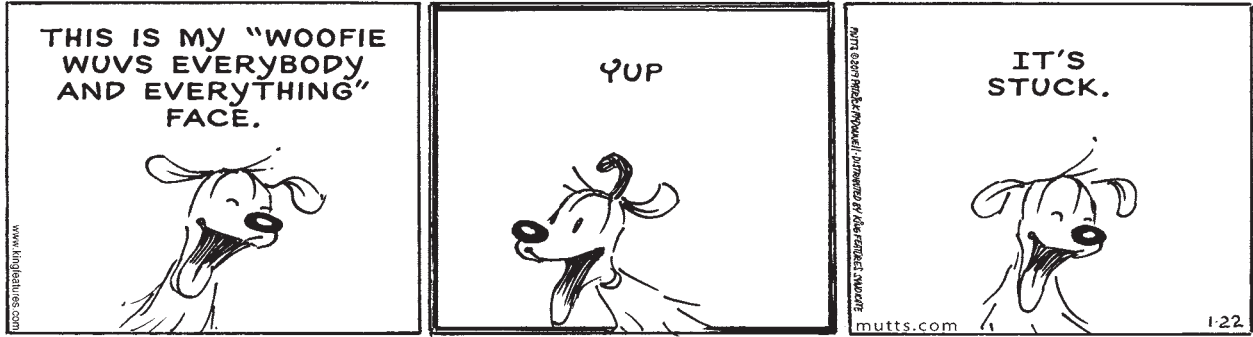
You should be able to leave any stock market investments alone for at least five years and preferably 10, so your portfolio has time to recover from downturns.

Now is also a good time to rebalance your portfolio to your target mix of stocks, bonds and cash. □

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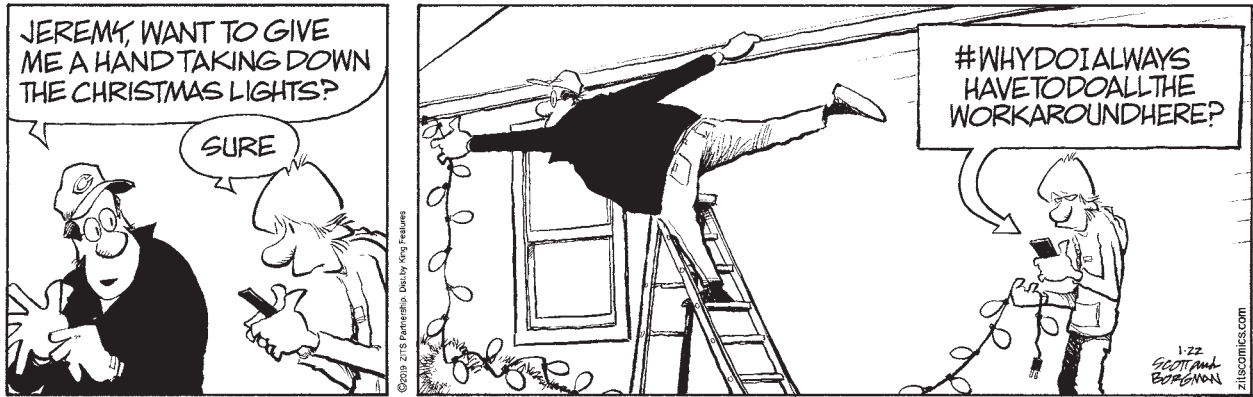
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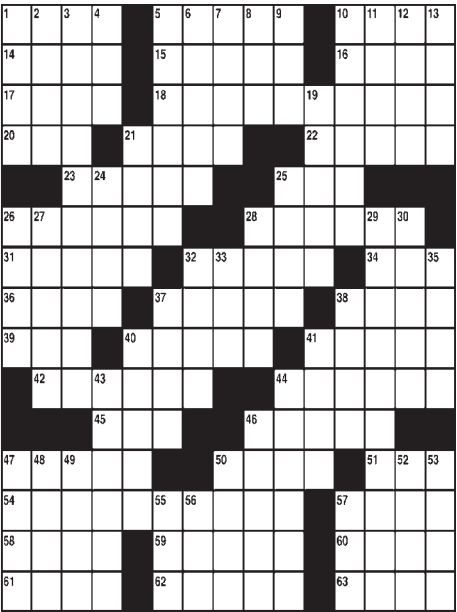
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

4	6	9	5	8	1	2	7	3
1	5	2	7	9	3	6	8	4
7	8	3	6	2	4	5	9	1
5	7	8	9	4	6	1	3	2
9	4	1	3	5	2	8	6	7
2	3	6	8	1	7	9	4	5
8	2	4	1	3	9	7	5	6
6	1	5	4	7	8	3	2	9
3	9	7	2	6	5	4	1	8

ACROSS

- 1 Freeway entrance
- 5 "Get lost!"
- 10 Paid athletes
- 14 Ship's pole
- 15 High society
- 16 Helpful suggestion
- 17 Quite
- 18 Remorse
- 20 Fraternity letter
- 21 Unfair slant
- 22 Crooked
- 23 Arctic or Atlantic
- 25 Girl's nickname
- 26 Handbook
- 28 Black-and-white mammals
- 31 Skilled
- 32 Orange or peach
- 34 Black Jack, for one
- 36 Floor pads
- 37 Two-by-four
- 38 Meanie
- 39 Likely
- 40 Burn at the edges
- 41 Little misses
- 42 Tried-and-true
- 44 Narrow streets
- 45 Not up to ; substandard
- 46 Uncouth
- 47 Zeal
- 50 Escaped
- 51 Use a straw
- 54 Hairdresser
- 57 Costa ;
- 58 Gave to a borrower
- 59 ;cotta; patio pot clay
- 60 Kiln
- 61 Forest animals
- 62 Looks for
- 63 Marries



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

PEN	ACHES	SLIM
EDIT	SHELL	CORE
WAKE	PARKA	RIOT
MERCILESS	INNS	
MARK	HAM	
STRIKE	SLIPPERY	
TRITE	SPENT	MAE
RAGE	THING	SOFA
IDO	FAINT	MITTS
PERCEIVE	SAFEST	
OWL	PAST	
CLEF	POLISHING	
LOAF	IVIES	NEIL
OGRE	PEACE	GENE
GONE	ERRED	RAW

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DOWN

- 1 Invitation letters
- 2 Gorillas & gibbons
- 3 Punch or Judy, e.g.
- 4 Be nosy
- 5 Soap opera
- 6 Spick-and-span
- 7 ; up; shreds
- 8 Feasted
- 9 Guys
- 10 ; out; eliminated gradually
- 11 Skater's oval
- 12 ; upon a time...
- 13 One-dish meal
- 19 Jeer at
- 21 Exhausted
- 24 Pieces of china
- 25 "I Am...I "; Neil Diamond song
- 26 One of the Three Bears
- 27 Alter to make fit
- 28 Untainted
- 29 Pushy
- 30 Irritable; cranky
- 32 Isn't ; of; dislikes
- 33 Cleaning cloth
- 35 ; hall; army dining room
- 37 Coffin platform
- 38 Lubricates

- 40 Begin
- 41 Thrilled
- 43 Pitcher parts
- 44 Sports buildings
- 46 Actor Gable
- 47 Up to the task
- 48 Become dizzy
- 49 Unpleasantly moist
- 50 Forest danger
- 52 Coated with frosting
- 53 Pieces of cookware
- 55 ; a Long Way to Tipperary
- 56 Bee's follower
- 57 Argument



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# Less beef, more beans. Experts say world needs a new diet

By **CANDICE CHOI**

**AP Food & Health Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A hamburger a week, but no more — that's about as much red meat people should eat to do what's best for their health and the planet, according to a report seeking to overhaul the world's diet. Eggs should be limited to fewer than about four a week, the report says. Dairy foods should be about a serving a day, or less.

The report from a panel of nutrition, agriculture and environmental experts recommends a plant-based diet, based on previously published studies that have linked red meat to increased risk of health problems. It also comes amid recent studies of how eating habits affect the environment. Producing red meat takes up land and feed to raise cattle, which also emit the greenhouse gas methane.

John Ioannidis, chair of disease prevention at Stanford University, said he welcomed the growing attention to how diets affect the environment, but that the report's recommendations do not reflect the level of scientific uncertainties around nutrition and health.

"The evidence is not as strong as it seems to be," Ioannidis said.

The report was organized by EAT, a Stockholm-based nonprofit seeking to im-



**This Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 photo shows a plant-based burger made from wheat protein, coconut oil, potato protein and other ingredients in Bellevue, Neb.**

**Associated Press**

prove the food system, and published Wednesday by the medical journal Lancet. The panel of experts who wrote it says a "Great Food Transformation" is urgently needed by 2050, and that the optimal diet they outline is flexible enough to accommodate food cultures around the world.

Overall, the diet encourages whole grains, beans, fruits and most vegetables, and says to limit added sugars, refined grains such as white rice and starches like potatoes and cassava. It says red meat consumption on average needs to be slashed by half globally, though the necessary changes vary by region and reductions would need to be more dramatic in richer countries like the United States.

Convincing people to limit meat, cheese and eggs won't be easy, however, particularly in places where those foods are a notable part of culture.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, systems analyst Cleberson Bernardes said as he was leaving a barbecue restaurant that limiting himself to just one serving of red meat a week would be "ridiculous." In Berlin, Germany, craftsman Erik Langguth said there are better ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and dismissed the suggestion that the world needs to cut back on meat.

"If it hasn't got meat, it's not a proper meal," said Langguth, who is from a region known for its bratwurst sausages.

Before even factoring in

the environmental implications, the report sought to sketch out what the healthiest diet for people would look like, said Walter Willett, one of its authors and a nutrition researcher at Harvard University. While eggs are no longer thought to increase risk of heart disease, Willett said the report recommends limiting them because studies indicate a breakfast of whole grains, nuts and fruit would be healthier.

He said everybody doesn't need to become a vegan, and that many are already limiting how much meat they eat.

"Think of it like lobster — something that I really like, but have a few times a year," Willett said.

Advice to limit red meat is not new, and is tied to its saturated fat content, which is also found in cheese, milk, nuts and packaged foods with coconut and palm kernel oils. The report notes most evidence on diet and health is from Europe and the United States. In Asian countries, a large analysis found eating poultry and red meat (mostly pork) was associated with improved lifespans.

That might be in part because people might eat smaller amounts of meat in those countries, the report says.

Ioannidis of Stanford noted nutrition research is often based on observational

links between diet and health, and that some past associations have not been validated. Dietary cholesterol, for example, is no longer believed to be strongly linked to blood cholesterol. The meat and dairy industries also dispute the report's recommendations, saying their products deliver important nutrients and can be part of healthy diets.

Andrew Mente, a nutrition epidemiology researcher at McMaster University, urged caution before making widespread dietary recommendations, which he said could have unintended consequences.

Still, the EAT-Lancet report's authors say the overall body of evidence strongly supports reducing red meat for optimal health and shifting toward plant-based diets. They note the recommendations are compatible with the U.S. dietary guidelines, which say to limit saturated fat to 10 percent of calories.

While people in some poorer countries may benefit from getting more of the nutrients in meat and dairy products, the report says they shouldn't follow the path of richer countries in how much of those foods they eat in coming years.

Though estimates vary, a report by the United Nations said livestock is responsible for about 15 percent of the world's gas emissions that warm the climate. □

## Researchers see possible link between opioids, birth defect

By **MIKE STOBBE**

**AP Medical Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Health officials are looking into a possible link between prescription opioids and a hor-

rific birth defect.

When a baby is born with its intestines hanging outside the stomach, due to a hole in the abdominal wall, it's called gastroschisis.

Most are repaired through surgery.

Roughly 1,800 such cases are seen in the U.S. each year, but the number has been rising and officials don't know why.

The condition seems to occur more often when the mom is a teenager or was smoking or drinking alcohol early in pregnancy, researchers have noted.

But a study released Thursday noted cases were 60 percent more common in counties that had the

highest overall opioid prescription rates. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study focused on 20 states.

The study did not see if each mother had been taking opioids, and it does not say opioids caused the birth defects. But it echoes earlier research that found a higher risk of birth defects when moms took opioid painkillers like oxycodone just before or early in pregnancy.

Also Thursday, the CDC's

director and two other agency officials wrote a commentary in the journal Pediatrics urging more study of the possible connection between opioids and birth defects.

"The report sounds an early alarm for the need to increase our public health surveillance on the full range of fetal, infant, and childhood outcomes potentially related to these exposures," wrote CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield and his two co-authors. □



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# Mezzo J'Nai Bridges rising fast in opera world

By MIKE SILVERMAN

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — J'Nai Bridges was just 24 and still in school when she sang her first "Carmen" as a young artist at the Glimmerglass Festival in 2011.

"I was, oh, way too young," she recalls with a laugh. "It felt good back then, but it just fits like a glove now."

Bridges will be trying on that glove again, headlining a production of Bizet's masterpiece at the San Francisco Opera in June. It's her biggest step to date in a career that has taken the African-American mezzo-soprano to major houses in the United States and Europe — that will lead to her Metropolitan Opera debut next season as Nefertiti in Philip Glass' "Akhnaten."

Young as she was in that Glimmerglass performance, she impressed Francesca Zambello, who had just become director of the summer festival in Cooperstown, New York. "Her singing was already memorable, as were her animal stage instincts," Zambello said in an email. "I remember I was drawn to watching her always, and one could see she was a young singer with vast potential."

Zambello will be directing her in San Francisco, and Bridges, just turning 32, thinks she now has the "life experience and vocal maturity" to do justice to the role of the free-spirited gypsy who refuses to flinch



In this Dec. 13, 2018, photo provided by Carnegie Hall, J'Nai Bridges, a mezzo-soprano, performs in her recital, accompanied by Mark Markham on piano, at Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall in New York.

Associated Press

even at the prospect of death.

"The tunes are so popular, but it's actually quite difficult to sing," Bridges said in an interview last month in her New York apartment. "The tessitura (prevailing vocal range) sits quite low and middle-y. ... And to sing over an orchestra in your lower register, it just doesn't project as much, so you really have to have that grounding and maturity in your voice."

Said Bridges: "She takes advantage of people for sure, but she's a strong woman who says what she wants and gets what she wants."

"She's also extremely fear-

less," Bridges said. "She brings on her own death and she knows it. I can't quite relate to that yet ... but I had a fearlessness about me at a young age. I came all the way across the country when I was 18, having never done that. This career, it's not easy at times, and it takes a bit of that same strength that I think Carmen has."

Bridges had been studying voice while growing up in Washington state but also was a star shooting guard on her high school basketball team. Had it not been for a falling out with her coach, she might well have pursued sports rather than

singing.

Instead, she left home to attend the Manhattan School of Music in New York, continued her studies at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and then did a three-year residency at the Ryan Opera Center, the Lyric Opera of Chicago's artist development program, finishing in 2015.

"As a performer, J'Nai really has everything," said soprano Renee Fleming, who got to know Bridges as adviser to the Ryan Center. "She is exciting onstage, a compelling actress, with a gorgeous presence. But most important of all, J'Nai's voice has a beautiful, dis-

tinctive timbre. ... I don't see any limits to how far she could go."

Up to now, many of Bridges' roles have been in contemporary opera, starting with her professional debut in 2015 in the Lyric Opera's "Bel Canto," an adaptation of the Ann Patchett novel with music by Jimmy Lopez. She's also been featured in two Philip Glass operas and sang in the San Francisco Opera's world premiere of John Adams' "Girls of the Golden West," a role she's repeating in Amsterdam this season.

She jokes that she started getting offers for modern opera "when people found out that I could count. ... These different time signatures that change every measure, it doesn't faze me. I actually like the challenge."

In December, Bridges gave a recital at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, and after ending her program with a group of spirituals and an encore of the Habanera from "Carmen," she did something unusual: Addressing her audience directly, she linked the message of spirituals to the need for social change.

"I debated saying anything," she recalled. "But as Americans, we've gone through a lot. ... I feel we're in a really trying time. As an artist, as a singer, not only do I have this gift and calling, but I feel like an ambassador for change through my gift. □"

## Reggie Young, renowned guitarist for Elvis, Waylon, has died

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Guitarist Reggie Young, a Memphis- and Nashville-based session player whose signature licks defined hit records from Elvis, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and many more, has died. He was 82.

Friend and fellow Nashville Cats session musician David Briggs said Young died Thursday at his home in Nashville, Tennessee.

Young started his illustrious career in Memphis, where he was an in-demand session player working with acclaimed producer Chips Moman, and opened for the Beatles with the Bill Black Combo in 1964. At Moman's American Studio in Memphis, he played the signature sitar intro on "Hooked on a Feeling," by B.J. Thomas, and played guitar on "Son of a Preacher Man" by Dusty Springfield, "Sweet Caro-

line" by Neil Diamond, and "Suspicious Minds" by Elvis Presley.

After moving to Nashville in the 1970s, he became part of the Nashville Cats session players recording hundreds of songs for top country stars. Young added guitar to No. 1 records including "Luckenbach, Texas," by Jennings, "Pancho and Lefty" by Nelson and Merle Haggard and "Always On My Mind," by Nelson. □



This undated photo provided by Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum shows Reggie Young.

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# Inside a big top, Dior puts on circus-themed couture

By **THOMAS ADAMSON**

**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Dior drew inspiration from the top of the big top for a playful couture show held Monday in Paris, where models inside a circus-style tent walked through a human arch made of moving acrobats.

The theme seemed to well serve designer Maria Grazia Chiuri, who has struggled to fly in recent seasons.

The acrobatics also dovetailed with some of the recent film roles of Dior's VIP guest, British actress Felicity Jones, who explained all to The Associated Press.

Here are some highlights of Monday's spring-summer 2019 couture collections in Paris.

## DIOR CIRCUS

Hundreds of vintage light bulbs like the ones used at fairgrounds lit up Dior's life-sized circus and a giant wooden pole held up the big top. Guests at the show inside the Rodin Museum gardens gawped at the decor.



**A model wears a creation for the Dior Spring/Summer 2019 Haute Couture fashion collection presented in Paris, Monday Jan. 21, 2019.**

Acrobats dressed in the black-and-white costumes of Pierrot, the clown character from French pantomime, entered the stage area on each other's shoulders to begin the whimsical collection that riffed on the circus theme.

Dior has had a long history with the big top — from a

famous 1955 photo shoot with elephants in Paris' Winter Circus to the circus theme picked for one of former designer John Galliano's most memorable shows.

And the circus seems to have provided Chiuri, who's struggled to take off since taking Dior's creative helm in 2016, the perfect muse to unlock her creativity.

It was light and fun, without being heavy-handed or overly literal.

A model in a chic sequined helmet wore a white origami skirt inspired by a clown's ruff and featuring a slightly dropped waist.

A clown's multi-colored costume spawned a fantastic knitted tulle playsuit with a stylish Juliette sleeve — a shape repeated throughout the 68-look collection.

Another tulle jumpsuit sported a multi-colored streak in satin bands and dramatically square shoulders.

It was worn atop a "tattooed" body suit that conjured up images of Victorian-era circus performers, one of many details that gave this collection a historic depth.

## FELICITY JONES ON ACROBATS

Felicity Jones spoke to the AP from under Dior's big top and said she coincidentally she had just finished

playing an acrobat for a movie called "Aeronauts" that reunited with "Theory of Everything" co-star Eddie Redmayne.

"This set is so fitting. It's obviously in the air," she said, smiling.

The feminist edge Chiuri has brought to Dior since becoming the first female designer in house history also mirrored the "kick-ass women" Jones chooses to play, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg in the biopic "On the Basis of Sex."

"She's a formidable woman. She's someone who's changed the face of gender equality in the world, so it was an enormous privilege to be playing her," Jones added.

## IRIS VAN HERPEN TAKES FLIGHT

Dutch wunderkind Iris Van Herpen's couture took flight in the Palais de Beaux Arts in Paris' chic Left Bank.

The show evoked winged forms and organic life, and was inspired by visual artist Kim Keever, who drops paint pigment into water.

The arty setting was an appropriate backdrop for the sculptural creations that seemed to borrow from works housed at the Louvre, located hundreds of meters (yards) away.

An organic cobalt blue gown featured bare shoul-

ders and a pair of pleated wings that created a highly dramatic dynamic, similar to the Louvre's famed Hellenistic sculpture, The Winged Victory of Samothrace.

Elsewhere, the marbled form of insects — or perhaps the intricate molecular structures of stones and crystals? — were reflected in a beautiful series of draped and loosely fitted silk gowns.

Long Asian sleeves on vivid red and pearly white dresses added elegance and an opportunity to create an interesting trapeze silhouette.

Van Herpen is a couture poet.

## SCHIAPARELLI IS WHIMSICAL

Whimsical would be the word to best describe Schiaparelli's spring-summer couture. Designer Bertrand Guyon presented a fantastical universe of sheeny silks, softly architectural silhouettes and beautiful colors.

The embellishments and shimmering embroideries on diverse designs were more than a match for the gilded gold of the show venue, Paris' ornate Garnier Opera House.

Anachronism and contrast ruled.

Cowboy boots cut a dramatic style below a medieval mini dress with speckled and billowing Juliette sleeves.

A 1950s bar jacket and peplum ensemble and contemporary pants sported floral scenes that made it appear the pieces were used as a painter's canvas. And colored feathers that embellished several dresses gave the collection a dreamy quality as they slowly floated by, with the occasional plume falling gently to the ground.

## LANVIN APPOINTS NEW DESIGNER

Lanvin, the world's oldest continually running couture house, has suffered creative turbulence and questions about its direction ever since the departure of lauded couturier Alber Elbaz in 2015. □

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## At Sundance, powerhouse documentaries will be everywhere

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — For documentary filmmakers, there's no place like the Sundance Film Festival.

The mountainside festival which kicks off Thursday in Park City, Utah, has become known for launching nonfiction films to box office successes and awards, and this year is shaping up to be no different. The slate boasts a wide array of films about fallen titans, from Harvey Weinstein to Theranos' Elizabeth Holmes, music legends Miles Davis and David Crosby, two of Michael Jackson's sexual abuse accusers, the Cambridge Analytica/Facebook scandal, Apollo 11, Mike Wallace, Toni Morrison and Dr. Ruth.

In the past five years, three of the best documentary feature Oscar winners got their start at Sundance — "Icarus," "O.J.: Made in America" and "20 Feet from Stardom." And most of this year's Oscars shortlist premiered and won special honors at last year's festival (like "Shirkers," "On Her Shoulders," "Of Fathers and Sons," "Dark Money," "Crime + Punishment" and "Hale County This Morning, This Evening") and some are considered shoo-ins for a nomination, like "Three Identical Strangers," "RGB," "Minding the Gap" and "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

"Sundance is the greatest launching pad," said filmmaker Julia Reichert. "I can't think of another festival that shows fiction and documentaries that puts as



In this Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, file photo, the Egyptian Theatre is lit up on Main Street during the first night of the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

much honor, respect and spotlight on the documentary."

The three-time Oscar nominee returns this year with "American Factory," looking at what happened when a Chinese billionaire bought a closed General Motors factory outside of her hometown of Dayton, Ohio and created 2,000 manufacturing jobs in an area still suffering from the plant's initial closure.

"Most documentary filmmakers aspire to get into Sundance. It's such a fantastic festival with great potential for distribution and raising the profile of a film. But particularly for films about American politics, it's really a natural choice," said Rachel Lears, who directed "Knock Down the

House." It follows four women looking to upset incumbents in a Congressional primary, including first-term New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who is expected to be at the festival.

The prolific documentarian Alex Gibney is also back with his latest, "The Inventor: Out For Blood In Silicon Valley" which looks at the rise and fall of the multibillion dollar tech health care company Theranos and the psychology of its founder, Elizabeth Holmes.

"(Sundance has) always promoted docs and it's always promoted them in a way that puts them on the same footing as scripted films," Gibney said.

One of the most anticipated premieres is "Leaving

Neverland," a 233-minute film from BAFTA-winning director Dan Reed about two of Michael Jackson's accusers. It will screen only once in Park City, on Jan. 25, before airing on HBO and British public broadcaster Channel 4 in two installments this spring. The Jackson estate has already denounced it as "just another rehash of dated and discredited allegations." Jackson was acquitted of molestation charges in 2005.

For some, Sundance was an obvious choice because of the subject matter. That was the case for the Harvey Weinstein documentary, "Untouchable," from director Ursula Macfarlane.

Her film charts the dis-

graced mogul's career from his early days as a music promotor in Buffalo, to the heyday of Miramax and up to his fall in October of 2017 with the torrent of sexual misconduct and rape allegations against him that spanned decades, some of which allegedly have occurred at the festival. Weinstein has denied all allegations of non-consensual sex.

It was a sprint to get it done in time for this year's festival, however, having less than a year to do so.

"We always wanted it to be submitted to Sundance and we put a lot of pressure on ourselves .... Half-way through the summer we thought no, we can't, this isn't going to work. And (producer) Simon (Chinn) came in and saw a rough cut and said let's send it. It was all hands on deck. It's been an intense few months," Macfarlane said. "It's the perfect place for a film about Harvey. It's where he had a lot of successes and he changed it and the whole kind of vibe of the industry."

For entirely different reasons, the team behind "Love, Antosha," about the life of the late actor Anton Yelchin, also sought out a coveted Sundance spot.

"Anton had so many projects that went through Sundance. It was always a home away from home for him," said director Garret Price. "For his last movie to be there, essentially, it all feels like the way it's supposed to be. I think it's where he would have wanted it." □

## Alicia Keys to host Grammy Awards next month

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Alicia Keys usually attends the Grammys, but this year she'll be there as a host.

The Recording Academy announced Tuesday that the R&B star will host the Feb. 10 show for the first time. The Grammys will air live on CBS from the Sta-

ples Center in Los Angeles. Keys has won 15 Grammys. She says in a statement, "I'm so excited to be the master of ceremonies on the biggest night in music and celebrate the creativity, power and magic."

She adds that she is "especially excited for all the incredible women nomi-

nated this year!"

Kendrick Lamar and Drake are the top Grammy contenders, earning eight and seven nominations apiece, respectively.

Brandi Carlile is up for six awards, while Lady Gaga, Cardi B, Maren Morris and H.E.R. earned five nods each. □



In this Jan. 28, 2018 file photo, Alicia Keys presents the award for record of the year at the 60th annual Grammy Awards at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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